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IT'S 'KAT'

Peter Katholos has celebrated his climb to the top of Australian Soccer by winning the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY Player of the Year in the Philips Soccer League.

'The Kat' wins a trip to Europe as our PSL Player of 1982, and a lucky reader who has selected Peter Katholos in our special readers' contest will also receive a ticket to Europe.

The winner will be selected in a special draw in our office before next week's edition of ASW (entries have closed).

ASW told Peter of his win last night and he was ecstatic.

Last year he went close to winning two other major awards.

This year he's done it ... and he couldn't believe it.

"My heart's thumping," he said. "I'm choked with excitement."

"I'm deeply honoured to the AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY organisation and journalists for the votes they saw me as worthy of."

"I will endeavour to prove to ASW that I am a worthy winner of this magnificent prize, and once again I'm ever so grateful."

"My family as well are ecstatic with my award."

Starting out with Canterbury-Marrickville Olympic, he was snapped up by St George, and played Philips League Soccer in midfield alongside Paul Kay in 1980.

After Saints were relegated that year, Katholos was sold to Sydney Olympic for \$10,000.

A big disappointment for Kat was missing the age-qualifications for the Australian 1981 World Youth Championship team by only a couple of months.

However, last year he made his senior debut for Australia, and is ready to increase his tally of caps during the Socceroos' October tour of Singapore.

He has so much drive and enthusiasm, he stamps his mark on a game, and leaves a last-

By Brad Earl

ing impression on his many admirers.

Peter's play has greatly matured in the past two years, and he will con-

tinue to get better and better.

And what about those cracking shots from outside the box which have brought him several goals?

Kat finished on 34

points, ahead of Dez Martin of St George on 30.

John Bradley of Leichhardt and Heidelberg's Jimmy Campbell — Philips Cup Final opponents on Sunday — finished equal third.



THOMSON OR AROK?

By John Economos

The Philips League coach of the year will be decided this week and it's between two men — Eddie Thomson and Frank Arok.

They are the ones who have stood out among the other 14 candidates voted for by the Soccer press writers.

First Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson.

In his three years of PSL coaching, he has won the title three times. That for me is, GAME, SET AND MATCH. How can you beat that?

Thomson would have done the legendary Bill Shankly proud.

Thomson found 1982 the hardest to crack. First he lost very early in the season Ian Souness, NSW Player of the Year last season.

And if that wasn't enough, his star striker, mercurial Kenny Boden, hardly played and then followed injuries to key players, captain Murray Barnes, Willie Murray and Ian Bruce.

Yet Thomson was able to blend with accuracy, new players onto the pitch and maintain rhythm, balance, consistency and above all, effectiveness.

On the other side of the ledger we have Frank Arok.

He took over a crippled St George two years ago and was assigned the task of resurrecting the Saints. Back in the PSL this year, the Saints finished second.

The tough, professional Yugoslav manager, has always demanded 100 per cent, if not more.

A thoroughly qualified and above all EXPERIENCED professional, Arok has done absolute wonders with St George.

Arok is an all-rounder. Coach, great managerial qualities, a great promoter of the code and an excellent motivator.

It was Arok who first brought the full-time managerial position to Australian football in 1969 which other clubs later followed.

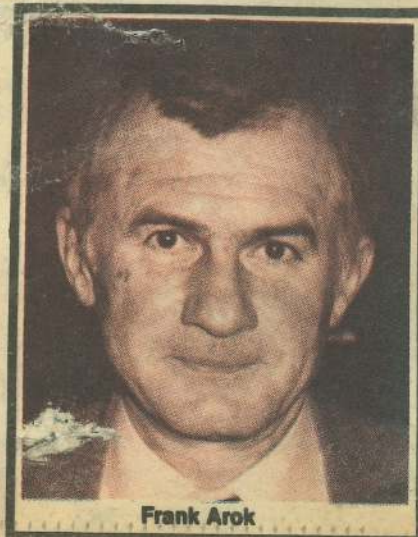
With limited quality players, Arok has done a job nothing short of magnificent.

Tonight (Tuesday), the stewards may have to call for a 'photo' to split the PSL's top two bosses.

AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will present a magnificent trophy to the winner.



Eddie Thomson



Frank Arok

EDITORIAL

It is a honour for Australian Soccer, and one that will be greatly appreciated from the humblest ranks in the code to the highest, that the Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, is guest of honour at an important Soccer function tonight (Tuesday).

The occasion is the National Awards and the dinner of the Philips Soccer League and the Australian Soccer Press Association.

Sir Ninian comes to us as the recently installed representative of the Crown, following a distinguished term in office by Sir Zelman Cowen.

His choice to fill this high office received widespread acclaim from right across the Australian political spectrum. That was a sure mark of the expectation that he will carry out his term in the highest traditions of his post.

Soccer has been striving more than 100 years in this country and, due to its continual efforts to press ahead, there has never been a time at which it was more widely accepted than it is today.

The National League and many other state and senior leagues and untold thousands of other competitions reach from almost the northern tip of Queensland to Hobart, and from all along the east coast to Perth and Fremantle.

After two successive World Cups in which the Socceroos failed to qualify the new Australian squad is poised to become a force both in the land and overseas once again. Soon they head for Singapore and a six-nation tournament.

In 1981 the Youth national team hit a high point with the defeat of then world champions, Argentina. Now they are about to embark upon odysseys that will take them to Mexico, New Guinea, and probably the Pacific as well.

Whilst in a free society such as ours there will always be room for an exchange of opinions, there is in Soccer today a greater family spirit than ever before.

As to the migrant section of the community, the sons and daughters and often the grandsons and grand-daughters of the earlier migrants are rubbing shoulders with all comers in a way in which the original architects of immigration would have wholeheartedly approved.

Tonight the Australian Player of the Year Award will be made, as well as other major awards. We wish the winners of the awards, voted for by Soccer media people from much of the country, the very best on this auspicious occasion.

It is a night which is being made all the more important by the attendance of as distinguished a migrant Australian as Sir Ninian himself.

HONG KONG CLUB EYES ARROWS

By Steve Burns

Multi-millionaire Hong Kong club, Tung Sing, could bid to buy Canberra Arrows' players Tony Brennan and Duncan Cole.

Brennan, perhaps the fastest striker in Australian Soccer, leaves for Hong Kong on Thursday if he is not selected in the final Australian squad for the Singapore tour, while Cole is already there.

Joining Cole yesterday was Arrows skipper and 1981 ASW Player of the Year, Terry Byrne.

Byrne will play for Tung Sing until January 20 next year for terms reputedly worth some \$1,500 a month, plus expenses and accommodation.

It makes Byrne Canberra's nearest thing to a full-time professional.

He has already signed a contract with Canberra for the 1983 season — something the club insisted upon before his departure for Hong Kong.



DUNCAN COLE

Brennan and Cole are both in different categories.

Cole, a member of New Zealand's World Cup team, is still officially a Canberra player despite having played for Auckland this season.

Unless Tung Sing purchases Cole, Canberra expect to see the talented midfielder back playing in Australia in 1983.

Only a few days ago,

Brennan was placed on the transfer list by Canberra.

Plenty of Australian clubs are also interested in his services, and one Sydney club has apparently already made a \$30,000 offer.

However, the fact that Brennan has been placed on the transfer list has caused amazing reaction from Canberra Arrows fans.

Already petitions are

circulating around the town to have the new club board change its mind. People behind the petitions believe Brennan is happy to stay in the national capital.

club secretary, Mr Claude Li Chang, told ASW yesterday that the decision to transfer-list Brennan was not connected with financial considerations.

"The decision was made purely as part of the club's 1983 team rebuilding plans," Mr Li Chang said.

Both Brennan and Cole will officially trial for one month with the Hong Kong club, and sources said it was highly likely that at least one of them will be offered a contract.

Tung Sing is coached by former St George stalwart and ex-Canberra coach, Vic Fernandez.

The club has only recently returned from a pre-season tour of China, and plays its first game of the season on Thursday night.



CHIT CHAT

Ian Rowden, Sydney Olympic's tall central defender, failed to attend training during the week at Pratten Park. He arrived on the Friday night prior to the St George game and was promptly advised by the club that he was suspended.

★ ★ ★
The ASF has informed FIFA that players Zoran Pejic (Rosebery club) and Mark Leaman (Brighton ICL) have been suspended for life for assaulting a referee.

★ ★ ★
At last week's Under 16 titles in Penrith, programmes were being sold — at a cost of \$2 to adults and 50 cents to kids!

★ ★ ★
When Mr Chick of Summerland Point, near Newcastle, entered his multi-week Soccerpools coupon, he called his syndicate 'Ugly Duckling'.

He was certainly surprised when a swan emerged in the form of an \$82,866 prize.

Mr Chick, a self-employed builder, said he and his wife would have no trouble spending the extra cash!

COSMOS, TO BE OR NOT TO BE?

By Fred Villiers

It appears the Victorian Soccer Federation may go it alone in bringing New York Cosmos to Australia in October.

The Philips League wanted a game in Sydney, but because of the high price, I believe they have turned the chance down and the Socceroos will be in Singapore at the time.

These setbacks could make the Cosmos' tour not viable financially and I believe there are some VSF officials who want to think twice before signing the contract.

What rubbish! To have Cosmos here is worth any money. Money shouldn't come into it.

We have all seen in Sydney and Melbourne two years ago how the

people flocked to their games. We saw some of the Cosmos stars headed by Franz Beckenbauer in the recent FIFA game, Europe v Rest of the World, which had an estimated TV viewing audience of 600 million.

Soccer badly needs a boost here. We are all sick and tired of watching the same teams week after week.

Victoria was always the State to lead the way with visiting international teams and have been the envy of other States.

Victoria's reputation should not suffer because

some officials think it's too risky.

I regard the biggest risk is not to bring them here.

With the facilities we have at Olympic Park, second to none, I forecast the game will be a sell-out. And my faith in Soccer House is not diminished. I'm sure they'll handle it right and take the risk.

Should something go wrong financially, I'm sure the Victorian clubs would be prepared to chip in to have this event in Melbourne next month.

Hang the expense and get on with the job.

PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE

WOLLONGONG 3 (Fleming, Fontana, O'Connor) BRISBANE CITY 1 (Kelso) at Wollongong Showground. Crowd: 4000

SOUTH MELBOURNE 3 (Davidson, Egan, Kilkelly og) LEICHHARDT 1 (Soper) at Middle Park. Crowd: 1,500.

SYDNEY CITY 5 (Kosmina 3, Watson, Borges) WEST ADELAIDE 2 (Manecas, Atsalas) at Sydney Athletic Field. Crowd: 1,115.

PRESTON 3 (McMillan 2, Brown) FOOTSCRAY 0 at Conner Reserve. Crowd: 5,000.

BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Williamson) CANBERRA 0 at Richlands Stadium. Crowd: 400.

MARCONI 3 (Henderson, Licata, Jankovics) NEWCASTLE 1 (Hamilton) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1,880.

ADELAIDE CITY 3 (Villani 2, J. Nyskohus) HEIDELBERG 2 (Valentine, B. Nyskohus og) at Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 2,300.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Redfern 2, Koussas, Katholos) b ST GEORGE 0 at Pratten Park. Crowd: 5,547.

TOP SCORERS

23 — JOHNNY KOSMINA (SC)

20 — CHARLIE EGAN (SM)

18 — DEZ MARTON (St G)

16 — MARK KOUSSAS (SO),

PHIL O'CONNOR (W)

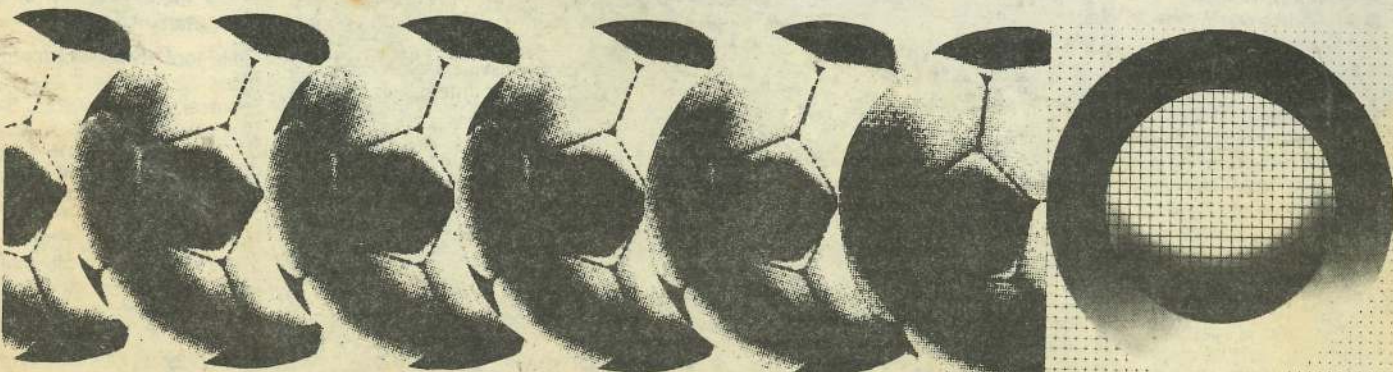
14 — GRAHAM HONEYMAN (WA),

MARSHALL SOPER (L)

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STRIKE-FORCE AUSTRALIA

We now have the basis of a hard-hitting Socceroo squad and one that looks capable of getting us to the 1986 World Cup Final series.

Les Scheinflug's squad for the Merlion International Tournament in Singapore in October is a good one and the national coach has to be congratulated on his selection.

It comprises the best players available in this country, and it's obvious coach Scheinflug is determined to implement his plans from the outset and to leave no doubt as to his intentions and methods.

Scheinflug has drawn up a four-year plan which he presented to the ASF two weeks ago.

This plan was accepted and it's now down to business for the Socceroos.

The 22-man squad (to be cut to 17 for Singapore) is:

GOALKEEPERS: Martyn Crook, Bruce James; **DEFENDERS:** Bobby Russell, Rob Wheatley, Tony Henderson, David Ratcliffe, Steve Blair, Arno Bertogna, Alan Davidson, Alan Niven; **MIDFIELDERS:** George Christopoulos, Gary Byrne, Peter Katholos, Peter Raskopoulos; **STRIKERS:** Tony Brennan, Marshall Soper, John Kosmina, Charlie Egan, Gary Cole, Mark Jankovics, David Mitchell, Phil O'Connor.

In Scheinflug's favour is the form and development of our strikers at present.

Goalscorers and front-runners have always been a major problem in our set-up.

But, over the past two years, this deficiency has been somewhat rectified by the development and maturity of our leading front-men.

The arrival on the scene of young lions David Mitchell, Marshall Soper and Charlie Egan has been heartwarming.

While this season, the more experienced John

Kosmina, Gary Cole and Phil O'Connor have produced their best form ever in club Soccer.

Without one shadow of a doubt, the most valuable players in our national team set-up in the next four years will be the men up-front, whose job it is to score goals.

This is the most difficult job in modern day Soccer. Without goal-grabbers, teams can never reach the top.

A perfect example is Italy, the world champions.

In the opening round of the World Cup Finals in Spain, Italy's ace goal-grabber, Paolo Rossi, was completely out of touch.

And although they played good football, Italy, without goals, struggled to get results.

However, when Rossi found his scoring touch in the second round, everything fell into place for the Italians and they deservedly won the world title.

In modern day Soccer, the tactical emphasis is on preventing goals. It's much easier to destroy in a game of Soccer than it is to create.

To be a top-class striker, a player must possess ability, courage, speed, anticipation, strength, reflexes... and a great deal of luck!

To have all of these assets is a near impossibility, and a player who did have them would not be playing in Australia — he'd be with a world-class team such as Juventus or Manchester United or Bayern Munich!

But, luckily, we do have players who have quite a number of these required assets and they are the men who will either make or break our World Cup hopes for 1986.

JOHN KOSMINA is now

Tom Anderson analyses the Socceroo attack



Gary Cole

a very fine player and has really hit his straps since he joined Sydney City.

His anticipation is remarkable and he reads the game extraordinarily well.

When this fellow is around in the penalty area, every ball must be watched and doubly covered, otherwise 'Kosie' will have it into the back of the net at the blink of an eyelid.

For me, big GARY COLE has had his best season ever in Australian Soccer this year and has improved out of sight.

He has tremendous physical strength and is almost unstoppable when on his long runs to goal.

Gary also has a tremendous finishing shot in either foot and can unleash it without any noticeable backlift, and this gives goalkeepers very little warning as to when the shot is coming.

DAVID MITCHELL is a young man who is going places in a hurry and will

play a big part in Scheinflug's plans.

Because of his height, he is dangerous in the air, and well above average on the ground for a big fellow.

Although not particularly fast off the mark, he has the ability to be in the correct place at the correct time and has proved to be a regular goalscorer.

When it comes to courage and bravery, MARSHALL SOPER deserves a medal.

Here we have a front-runner with the ability to absorb punishment from opposing defenders to take a load off his fellow strikers.

He also has the ability to produce the unexpected shot, which brings him many goals.

CHARLIE EGAN is not a big man for a striker, but what he lacks in physique he makes up for in acceleration over the first 10 metres and can rip any defence apart with a quick break.

The same can be said of PHIL O'CONNOR, and these two capture more than their fair share of goals throughout a season.

Another big plus is that they are fighters and are not afraid of physical contact or hard work during the 90 minutes of a game.

There's no use having skill in Soccer if you don't have the determination and ability to give 100 per cent effort — especially at international level.

Believe me, it's going to be a difficult task for the Socceroos to qualify for the World Cup Finals in 1985.

By playing in Spain, our arch-enemy from across the Tasman, New Zealand, has learnt a valuable lesson.

Also, the ever-increasing power of the Third-World countries is putting increasing pressure on Les Scheinflug and his team.

In the past, the Socceroos have shown they can destroy and defend with the best of them.

Now, with the emergence of this crop of good strikers, we should have the ability to more than compete with our rivals in this part of the world.

Goals win football games and Australia now looks to have the players to score these goals.

And with such a situation existing, the future looks much brighter indeed!

CLOSE ATTENTION TO EGAN, SOPER

By Keith Gilmour

The Socceroo squad for Singapore is expected to be announced following Wednesday's night trial games at Melita Stadium at South Granville in Sydney.

Two separate teams will play against Melita Eagles and PSL champions Sydney City.

The Australian squad is in camp this week at Maroubra, with training taking place at the University of New South Wales' two grounds at Little Bay.

Coach Les Scheinflug is giving particularly close attention this week to two of his squad's strikers, the high-scoring little South Melbourne player Charlie Egan and Leichhardt's robust Marshall Soper.

Scheinflug has had a very close connection with almost all of his squad at one time or other, but for Egan and Soper it is the first time he has had the chance to appraise them closely.

The national coach has put a lot of faith in his assistant Raul Blanco and physiotherapist Charlie Jurisic.

Blanco was an extremely skilful player. His coaching career with St George and then Marconi turned sour but he bounced back in charge of youth development at Sydney City as well as Scheinflug's trusted assistant.

Jurisic's qualities have made him the ideal man to handle the players. His refreshing approach extends far beyond his general run of duties.

The World Cup Committee is expected to authorise a trip to the Solomon Islands as a build-up for the Young Socceroos, who must gain experience in humid conditions as soon as possible to ready themselves for the World Youth Championship in Port Moresby in December.

Authorities have gone very quiet on the loss of a trip to Indonesia, which they confidently expected would come off. Local conditions caused Indonesia not to respond to the Australian request, but relationships between the two national bodies remain very cordial and there is bound to be plenty of contact in the near future.

ASF executive director Brian Emery has taken the opportunity to inspect facilities available for national team preparations at Englefield Stadium Dural.

The new motel units will be ready for use within a couple of months.

It seems certain that proprietor Bill Englefield and the ASF will come to firm arrangements to use the best training facilities available anywhere in Australia for preparing national teams.

'BIG GEORGE' TO RE-SIGN

George Murray will have another two-year term with Canberra Arrows.

By Keith Gilmour

The club left finalisation of their coaching arrangements until the end of the PSL season, but the knowledgeable Murray and the Arrows are certain to quickly come to terms.

Leading club official David Dillon said: "We are looking for stability in our arrangements, and two years should be a short term in a coach's career."

"George got us up to fifth in 1981. This season brought its problems, but these were certainly not in the coaching department."

"He has bought a home in Canberra and both he and his family are very happy living here."

"We are wasting no time in getting down to business and we expect a very early finalisation of the matter."

Last week Canberra went to Brisbane on Saturday to get well acclimatised for the Lions game.

They ended the year with a fearsome list of problems. Mike Milovanovic was suspended and Terry Byrne would not travel until Sunday in a bid to give him an extra 24 hours to shake off a particularly nasty virus.

HERE COMES TOWNSVILLE

By Greg Russell

An ambitious house-building project could provide Queensland State League side Townsville Kern United with the financial backing to put up a presentable case for admission to next year's national competition.

Work is well underway on a prestigious show-home in Townsville, which is being constructed on land given to the club through their sponsors Kern Corporation.

Many of the products used in construction have been provided by companies in lieu of monetary donations.

The house, which will be fully furnished, will be open to the public for several months, then will be sold. Some estimates say it could fetch as much as \$150,000 by the time it is sold — and that is expected to be well before the start of next year's League.

Townsville directors as yet won't make a formal commitment that they will apply for admission to the national competition but they have made contact with the Queensland Soccer Federation for the necessary paperwork.

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All nominations must go through the state Federation, and before September 26.

Following the relegation of Brisbane City, the way is open for any other Queensland side to apply for the national competition.

Apart from City and Lions, Townsville are probably the only other Queensland club with the internal structure to go national.

Although on the surface it appears costly to admit Townsville, the club, through their own money or a sponsor, would only have to find the additional airfares for teams travelling between Brisbane and Townsville for it to be no more costly than if City were re-admitted.

Townsville already have to pay \$28,000, twice as much as any other club, to be in the State League. And that's about as much as clubs paid to be in the PSL this year.

Although their team would require considerable strengthening and their grand vastly improved, perhaps it is time new Queensland blood was admitted to the League.

The only catch which currently looms ahead for Townsville is that they are a little uncertain as to what to do until they know if there will be a Queensland State League next year — but that decision is unlikely to be made until after the close of national competition nominations.

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MR PSL

THAT'S JOEY WATSON

By John Economos

Easily one of the very best players to have ever come to Australia would be Sydney City's little dynamic Scottish right winger, Joe 'Mr PSL' Watson.

I say Mr PSL because, without question, Joe Watson has been the PSL's most consistent, experienced and above all most professional performer.

A big statement to make about the PSL's smallest player? No, not really. Ask any PSL player, they know best of all.

Year-in year-out, Watson has delivered the goods for Sydney City, formerly known as Hakoah.

What makes Watson such a wonderful player?

In the World Cup Finals in Spain, the magnificent Brazilian team had an outstanding player out wide on the left up-front. None other than Eder.

Time after time, whenever Brazil pushed forward (and that was every few seconds), their raids were invariably instigated through their left striker.

The ball would be knocked out to Eder's line, and from there the Brazilian attack was formulated.

Again, whenever a Brazilian raid broke down, the ball always was returned to Eder's boot as he held possession till the rest of the Brazilians regrouped their lines to start again.

So why is Brazil's Eder in this article on Joe Watson?

Why not? They both perform very similar functions for their respective teams.

How many times do Sydney City knock the ball wide out to the right to pick up Watson, as the little fellow, with all his immaculate skills, holds the ball, allowing Sydney City's powerful midfield of Spanos, Patikas and Barnes to push up into the box, ready for Watson's cross.

And while we are talking about crosses, who in Australia is a better 'ball-croser' than Watson?

Nobody.

Watson KNOWS what

kind of cross to knock in to a particular player.

For Patikas, Watson will sling one to the first post, the penalty spot or any other mark that 'Zorba' has ordered.

For big Murray Barnes, Watson's captain, the back-stick is where the ball is to be delivered.

In other words, tailored-made balls to suit the individual player.

Watson knows the value of an accurate cross-ball that flies with geometric precision from his little size 6 boot.

England's great captain and sweeper, Bobby Moore, was another such player with immaculate ball-service to his strikers or midfielders. He knew exactly what type of ball his 'target' wanted.

How many times over the past nine years have we seen Watson in possession out wide, twist and turn as

three weeks old.

Honours: Fife League Cup, NSW three caps, Australia two caps.

Favourite Cars: Datsun, Commodore.

Favourite Foods: All Chinese and sliced sausage.

Film Stars: Charlton Heston.

Other Sports: Swimming, Squash, Golf.

Most Memorable Match Played: "My debut for Dundee United against Dundee back in 1970, winning 1-0."

Most Influential Person On Career: "My Father, Robert. He travelled to all my games in Scotland. He was just fantastic. He was a player himself and always gave me good advice."

What do you feel are some of the wrongs in Australian Soccer?

"Referees, lack of professional management amongst other clubs. Not mine though. Their should

PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

he penetrated with great variance in pace to synchronise timing to allow his inside targets time as well as space to get up into a striking position?

If the move broke down, the ball is knocked back to Watson immediately to retain possession.

But let's go back a bit into the Joe Watson File:

Born: January 1, 1952.

Height: 5 feet 6 inches.

Birthplace: St Andrews, Scotland.

Clubs Played For: Nottingham Forest, Dundee United, Forfife.

Married: Yes, to Janice, with two children, Kevin five years old and Jennifer

be one autocratic body looking after all the clubs."

How can we improve Soccer generally here in Australia?

"For a start, the PSL as we have come to know, must not be allowed to be disbanded. The PSL has boosted Soccer in quality and colour overall."

Here's a dicey one for you. Why doesn't Sydney City pull crowds to your games?

"Sure it's a hard one. I feel it is because we don't have a club as such for supporters to come back to. Of course we have the magnificent Hakoah Club, but I feel that Soccer supporters may not identify themselves with Hakoah. They don't associate Hakoah with Soccer. Believe me, my club is trying very hard to solve the problem."

Your ultimate ambitions when you retire?

"I would like to continue to be involved with the game. I already am involved with the juniors in coaching. I have a young team from Kensington, the under 6s. My son Kevin plays in the team. I get a lot of satisfaction teaching the young lads."

What should Australia do to ensure a place in the next World Cup Finals?

"Make up its mind who is coach. Once they do that, stick to him hard and back him all the way. Let him do whatever he wants or demands. Also I feel that the press should also give him a real good go."

"Plus he must be allowed to have many matches, and on a regular basis. Camps are not so important. Playing matches is. For example, I feel we MUST play annual matches on a home and away basis with New Zealand. The public would want this and Australia

needs it too."

Who have been your favourite Soccer players?

"Jim Baxter, Georgie Best. They stood out for me. I saw both in action and they were unbelievable."

Who were some of the best players you've seen here in the past?

"I would have to say Johnny Watkiss and Ray Baartz."

Best PSL players today?

"Anybody in the Sydney City team, plus Olympic's Peter Katholos. I feel also that my team-mate Jimmy Patikas has a big future in international football. The main reason being is that Jimmy is so hungry to keep learning."

What makes your coach Eddie Thomson such a great coach?

"For a start, Eddie is without doubt the best PSL coach in Australia. He is very strict with us all, but lenient and very fair. Being an ex-player himself, and a very good one at that, he has great experience. He has won three PSL championships in three years. What more could he do? Excellent stuff."

Which teams should Australia invite here to play internationals?

"I would say all Asian teams. The public would like that and they should be staged on a home and away basis. That would create good interest and pull the crowds back into the game. The public wants to see competitive situations."

QUALITIES

"What do you feel makes a good coach or manager?"

"The very very first thing, he must have the RESPECT of all his players. No matter what, this he must have."

"Secondly, he must KNOW the game inside-out and be shrewd. He must be able to handle the players hard but fairly. No politics at all."

Some advice to all our young football players?

"They must WANT to play — not to be forced. They must LOVE the game as well and have a special feeling for the code."

"Anyhow, you can tell players love the game as they want to play."

How about some advice to some of our senior Soccer fraternity?

"The press. I would like the press in general to give the game a fair go and not concentrate on one bad incident. By that I mean that if

they see a small scuffle in

the crowd, don't highlight that incident the next day in their columns as they invariably do at the moment. It harms the code and they should not have the right to do that."

"I am personally sick of reading about the bad things in Soccer. Write more on the good things in Soccer."

"Another thing too: how about the press writing more detailed match reports?"

"There's another point

too. Why doesn't the press build up Soccer personalities in the game? Something for the kids that they need — an idolatry image like Cricket and League have."

Looking at the standard of Soccer since you first came to Australia back in 1973, do you feel it has progressed or regressed?

"I think it is far more professional now. The standard had increased dramatically year-in year-out, but over the last two years, I must say that the general standard has dropped quite a bit."

"Other clubs have to lift their standard dramatically otherwise my club Sydney City will again dominate the Soccer scene for more years to come."

"Within my club, for example, look at Johnny Kosmina, Jimmy Patikas and the unsung hero of Sydney City, Jimmy Cant. Their play-

ing standard has skyrocketed, and that is another reason why Sydney City won the 1982 PSL championship.

"Look at all the other PSL clubs. Can you tell me one really outstanding player who has dominated the Soccer scene this year?"

"In Sydney City, a good player finds it very hard to be outstanding because it is such a good all-round team. A good player within the Sydney City team would be an outstanding player with any other PSL team."

And that is Joe Watson. Sydney City's most consis-

tent PSL player since the inception of the League.

Next time you are watching Sydney City, have a look at their No 7 and see how he controls their raids.

More than ever now, Watson no longer sticks to the right flank.

Every now and then, he will 'drift' across the pitch with his close ball-skills as he probes the opponents' defence lines looking for gaps to set the Sydney City machine moving.

Isn't that just what Eder did for Brazil in Spain?

SOPER IS TARGET

By Mike Mystakidis

Marshall Soper, the 22-year-old Leichhardt striker, may part with his club at the end of the season.

His contract expires soon and the young player will be free to negotiate with any club he wants.

In the current season, Soper missed quite a few games, and there have been rumours that he is unhappy at Lambert Park.

Not long ago, Soper took part in discussions with the Olympians, but Leichhardt reacted by saying: "Soper is not for sale — at any price."

However, Olympic be-

lieve the young striker can be a strong addition to their squad next year.

There may be one stumbling block, however — the transfer fee.

Other Australian stars Olympic are after include South Melbourne defender Alan Davidson and striker Charlie Egan, Canberra's George Christopoulos, and Sydney City's Youth Soccer Jim 'Zorba' Patikas.

Their contracts finish at the end of the year.

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STARS OF THE 1982 PSL

By John Economos

Last Sunday, the curtain came down on the PSL competition, with only the Top Four series and the Philips Challenge Cup Final to be decided.

The PSL championship has once again been won by reigning champions, Sydney City.

In six years of PSL, Sydney City have now cracked the title four times. Not bad. Something you would only expect from England's Liverpool.

To win a championship, it is obvious a team has to have champion material. Sydney City certainly possesses such champion material... be it Joe Watson, Johnny Kosmina, Jimmy Patikas, Murray Barnes, Jimmy Cant, etc., etc.

But for a champion team with champion players, it is very difficult for one of them to become Player of the Year.

How many times has Liverpool won championships, yet how many times has a Liverpool player been named Player of the Year?

The reason is that the 'internal competitiveness' is so intense that it invariably is hard for one of player to stand head and shoulders above his team-mates.

Conversely, a top player in a relatively weak side stands out like a beacon, and his task is so much easier.

Tonight (Tuesday) in Sydney, at the annual ASPA-Philips Dinner, the PSL Player of the Year will be announced.

As with all prestigious Footballer of the Year awards, unfortunately there can only be one winner.

However, it is not so cut-and-dried that any one sporting body can elect and say that that one player is THE player of the year.

Although this year the Soccer scene has not been set alight with dazzling performances, there have been some stars who definitely do merit a special mention, irrespective of who the Player of the Year may be.

JOE WATSON — Easily the PSL's most consistent player since the League was formed.

Year-in year-out, Watson has been the driving force behind Hakoah, now known as Sydney City, and although he is one of the League's smallest players (5 feet 6 inches), he has certainly been one of the biggest contributors to his team in winning four PSL championships.

Watson this year has scored only two goals in the PSL, but with his unbelievably accurate crosses has created countless goals for the Sydney City strikers. Easily Australia's best crosser of the ball.

PETER KATHOLOS — This year Sydney Olympic hit the top of the League under Doug Collins, and one of his major weapons was the highly skilful, non-stop worker and exceptionally powerful midfielder, Peter Katholos.

Katholos, with his powerful play, has been Sydney Olympic's most outstanding and above all consistent performer throughout 1982.

The powerfully-built lad, extremely dedicated to Soccer, has a big future in the code and should become a regular member in the Australian World Cup side.

National coach Les Scheinflug last week picked Katholos for the coming tour by the Australian team.

What makes Katholos an exceptional player is his high work-rate. Once he loses possession, he fights tooth and nail to win back the ball.

Peter has scored nine goals in PSL this year with his explosive long-range power shooting from either boot.

JIMMY CAMPBELL — Heidelberg's high scoring midfielder, who this year cracked in 12 goals, has been a significant contributor to his club's overall success in getting into this year's Top Four series.

Campbell's deep long raids into the box are most reminiscent of Liverpool's Terry McDermott.

When you consider that Heidelberg struggled through many of their matches this year, and it was Campbell's goals stealing a point here and a point there, you can understand the value of this player.

Early in the season, Heidelberg had to use Campbell as a stop-gap striker when the club lacked front-runners. He didn't let them down.

Since Jimmy Rooney's unexpected departure, a huge amount of responsibility fell on Campbell and his ever-reliable captain, Arthur McMillan — another unsung hero for the Victorians.

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DAVID RATCLIFFE — Easily the biggest surprise of the 1982 PSL season has been the consistent performances of newly-promoted club, St George.

The Saints in years gone by were the biggest name in Australian Soccer.

After suffering the indignation of relegation in 1979, they fought their way back to PSL status this year. Not only did the Saints hold their own, but fought their way to finish the season second to Sydney City.

A great contributor to St George's excellent season was none other than their true libero, David Ratcliffe.

Ratcliffe organised his young defence and whilst Saints were on the ball pushed repeatedly forward to support his strikers.

A pacey free-back, with great intelligence, Ratcliffe supplied the steadiness that St George desperately needed.

This year, Ratcliffe would have to rate as the PSL's best sweeper.



JOHNNY KOSMINA — The PSL's top goalscorer for 1982, having nailed in no fewer than 23 goals.

Need anything else be stated? Yes. Not only has Kosmina hit the target effectively with a 76.6 per cent effective strike-rate, 'Kossie' easily has been the League's outstanding form striker.

His power up-front for PSL champs Sydney City has been non-stop the whole season.

Match after match, he has broken defence lines with monotonous regularity all over Australia, and his game has developed enormously after first showing excellent promise with the Australian team back in 1976.

Kosmina, on this year's form, will automatically be the first player selected for Australia.

Not only can Kosmina score goals, but he makes numerous breaks to set up his fellow players. This year the blond striker became the PSL's hat-trick specialist, achieving this feat on FOUR occasions.



PHIL O'CONNOR — Wollongong's success this year has been mainly due to this electrifying flank player's performance.

O'Connor has more than justified his expensive price for the South Coasters, and few players in the League have the talents or ability to lift crowds off their seats as he sets off on his dazzling raids, hugging the 'chalk' and sending defenders the wrong way and straight to chiropractors' waiting rooms.

As well as being a classy goalscorer, Phil is an excellent creator of chances.

Easily his club's Most Valuable Player and scorer this season of 16 PSL goals.



JOHNNY BRADLEY — Leichhardt's dynamic little midfielder, Johnny Bradley, has been the club's most consistent performer this season. An excellent cover defender and goal creator.

Ball service to his strikers this season has been excellent.

Leichhardt's success early this season was largely due to Bradley's form and driving inspiration.

Being a well experienced player, Bradley possesses great tenacity, quick thinking, likes to carry it wide and cut back sharply.

Leichhardt's coach, former World Cup captain Peter Wilson, fully realises the value of this explosive little atom.

Consistency is what Johnny Bradley is all about.

A credit to have in any team.



STEVE CALDERAN — Marconi's young centre-back has developed in leaps and bounds under the guidance of coach Dom Kapetanovic this year.

Well-built Steve is almost unbeatable in the air, a very honest worker and extremely strong in his tackling, although always fair.

With more exposure to PSL football, his confidence will grow even further, enabling us to see much more from this young lad.

Holding down the centre-back spot in such a big club as Marconi shows the trust his coach has placed on his shoulders.

I feel he has done a marvellous job for his team and in time to come will challenge very strongly for Steve Blair's national shirt.



GRAHAM HONEYMAN — The West Adelaide striker has scored 14 PSL goals this season.

What makes Honeyman's scoring feat so creditable is the fact that his team basically plays with only one up-front through the middle, with the dynamic Heys wide right.

Honeyman is a vastly experienced player, having played first division football in Scotland.

Being the lone striker, he has the ability to hold the ball up, waiting for support to come through.

West's coach Alan Vest is fortunate to have a player of Honeyman's calibre in his line-up.

Creates space for himself with excellent reading qualities.



DEZ MARTON — St George's veteran Yugoslav striker has been one of Frank Arok's main weapons as he set out to challenge for PSL honours this year.

St George, having won the NSW Ampol Cup this season and finishing second on the PSL ladder, owe much of their success to Dez Marton.

Marton, winner of the prestigious Rothmans Medal last year in State League, where he nailed in 40-plus goals, found little trouble in settling in to the big-time atmosphere of PSL football and ended 1982 by hitting the target 18 times for a most respectable strike-rate of 60 per cent.

Not bad for a striker who is the veteran of PSL.

It is almost certain that the St George club will again have Marton's services for 1983, as at one stage this year it looked as they would lose him back to his home country.

Marton's experience has helped young Robbie Slater develop and blossom in his PSL entry.

UNDER 21 PSL STARS OF 1982

JIMMY PATIKAS — Without a doubt whatsoever, Sydney City's young Jimmy has gone ahead in leaps and bounds from where he left off last year.

A regular midfielder in the PSL champions' line-up, Patikas will be one of Les Scheinflug's major weapons in the coming World Youth Championship.

Easily Australia's most experienced Youth player, Patikas is favoured to captain the Australian Youth team. His pure physical power this year has been unbelievable for an 18-year-old.

His excellent tackling, driving non-stop raids into the opponents' box, makes the lad's senior football career look extremely solid.

Sydney City coach Eddie Thomson has demanded more and more from his young player and Jimmy didn't let his coach down by scoring no fewer than nine goals to make him one of the most effective attacking linkmen in Australia today.

DAVID LOWE — Newcastle's most exciting young striker, David Lowe, has taken the PSL by surprise.

By far KB's top goalscorer, the lad has developed to no end under coach Kenny Kaiser.

Kaiser has done the correct thing by allowing Lowe certain freedom and not burdening the lad down with excessive tactics.

Pace, courage, and vision are all in David's

stock.

His goal against Sydney Olympic in the second round would have done credit to a professional senior player. He took on four players before letting fly to sink Olympic.

Wonderful material for Australia.

ROBBIE SLATER — This little St George right striker has been an excellent acquisition by the club.

After seeing Robbie play for Auburn third grade, Frank Arok immediately signed him up. Playing up-front with veteran striker Dez Marton, Robbie has helped himself to eight PSL goals this season.

Les Scheinflug has drafted Slater into the Youth squad and wants to style him as an attacking right midfielder.

With his first year of PSL now under his belt, Slater's confidence will grow and so will his form in 1983 as he is a lad hungry to learn and go places.

RENE LICATA — This young Marconi flankman has exploded into PSL as if he played there all the time.

Although still at school, Rene has shown great self-confidence when taking a goal.

With good anticipation and pace to burn, Rene has done a great job filling in for the vacant spot left behind with the departure of Marconi idol, Peter Sharne.

OLYMPIC IN RIP-ROARING FORM

By John Economos

Sydney Olympic finished the season on a high note — sending St George crashing to a 4-0 defeat at Pratten Park.

But had the Olympic strikers and midfielders taken a little more care, the final score could have read 7-0.

In a rare exhibition of non-stop action, Olympic spearheaded by herculean-midfielder, Peter Katholos, ripped the Saints apart and their dominance was so great that they had 14 chances to Saints' four.

In only the first minute, Olympic sounded warning when central striker Kenny Wilson won a ball in midfield knocking it clear to put Mark Koussas away on a free 35 metre bust, but Saints' goalkeeper Mike Fraser flew off his line to block the advancing Koussas.

Again in the fifth minute, Olympic's dynamic midfielder Peter Raskopoulos tested Fraser again with a 30 metre hit, but Fraser 'swallowed' it well.

Then it happened. Katholos began his majestic control of the match, when in the 14th minute, he won the ball. 'The Kat' knocked it wide to Redfern who in turn swung it first time square to Koussas. He immediately whipped it back across the goal face towards the back post where Jimmy Red-

fern was just short of a glorious scoring opportunity.

The Kat was in the thick of it again, when in the 28th minute after making a bust down the left, was brought down by Peter Stone for referee Doug Rennie to award Olympic a penalty.

Redfern took the penalty and sent a right-footed shot to the right with keeper Fraser going the other way.

Olympic went to a 2-nil lead with yet another goal from Redfern, as young Gary Phillips sent in a cross which Koussas flicked on to Redfern to slot home from two metres.

Just before half-time, St George looked dangerous when Dez Marton broke through the middle but was dropped on the edge of the box by newly-promoted sweeper, the young Tony Dakos. From the ensuing free-kick, Marton hit a shot high over the crossbar.

Olympic's electrifying left striker Graham Jennings, repeatedly ripped up the touchline making great holes in the St George defence, but his crosses were very poor.

On one occasion though,

Jennings did manage to pick up Wilson, who in turn knocked wide to Koussas but his final shot was wide of the target.

Katholos again was on the scene when he set up Jennings. Jennings advanced infield and on the run let fly with a screaming outswinger that shaved the back-post.

The Kat was at it again when, in the 68th minute, he pulled back desperately a ball from the byline and slung a magnificent cross into the St George box to find Koussas, who scored from two metres.

With only two minutes left, Katholos zipped in between two St George defenders to steal a loose ball and crash it into the net.

For Olympic, The Kat was absolutely outstanding with his high work-rate and crashing runs. Easily Olympic's most valuable player this year.

Newly-promoted youngsters, sweeper Tony Dakos and George Akoutass at right-back, did a fine job, as did experienced midfielder Peter Raskopoulos.

Central striker Kenny Wilson won every ball in the air



('The Kat') Katholos takes on Saints' Johnny O'Shea.

and his distribution was most effective and highly creative.

Only Saints' centre-back David Ratcliffe looked the part as he desperately tried to fire some life into his team-mates, especially his strikers who were constantly starved of ball-supply.

Frank Arok said dejectedly: "Olympic was brilliant. Katholos was just magnificent."

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier: Akoutass, Ziras, Dakos, Jennings: Phillips, Raskopoulos (Hall 70), Katholos: Redfern, Koussas, K. Wilson.

ST GEORGE: Fraser: Skene, Ratcliffe, Koritar, M.O'Shea: Barton (Slater 46), Stone, Wilkinson, J.O'Shea: MacDougall, Marton.

REFEREE: Doug Rennie. CROWD: 5,547.

VILLANI IS TWO-GOAL HERO

In a sensational end to the season Adelaide City — two goals down in the first three minutes — scrambled from the brink of relegation with two goals inside the 86th minute to beat Heidelberg 3-2 at Olympic Sports Field.

It lifted the Giants from second-bottom place to finish 1982 in 13th spot.

The match was a sensation from the minute the home line-up was named.

Minus midfielders Sergio

By Tom McKain

Melta and Chris Manou, plus sweeper Neil Banfield, all suspended, new joint-coach Bobby Ferguson, the former Scottish and West Ham goal-

keeper, revealed he had a pulled hamstring and Willy McNally, who had been waiting for weeks to get back between the posts got his wish.

Full-back Buggy Nyskohus replaced Banfield as sweeper and in turn his place was taken

by young defender Paul Shillabeer.

Lucio Signore went into the midfield along with Johnny Nyskohus who dropped back from the forward-line with Peter Rankin going into the attack.

Mario Caruso, a State Under 16 player, got his chance on the bench.

For McNally the opening stanza was a nightmare. Heidelberg striker Gary Cole charged towards the goal in the second minute sending in a low shot which McNally could not hold, and as the ball bounced over him Theo Selemidis appeared to help the ball on its way into the net.

However, after the game Johnny Nyskohus claimed that he had put the ball in trying to prevent a goal.

In the third minute McNally was in the horrors again when Mickey Valentine sent over a corner from the right and it was nodded home by big defender Don MacLeod.

City charged back but Jeff Olver, in the Heidelberg goal, stopped a shot from Gary Marocchi, while Charlie Villani, Shillabeer and Les Carter all shot off-target while a Johnny Nyskohus volley was held by Olver.

Then the first bit of luck went City's way. Heidelberg defender Jim Tansey was judged by referee Donald Campbell to have hand balled inside the box when Signore had taken a shot from just outside the area.

Johnny Nyskohus converted the penalty in the 61st minute. Heidelberg closed ranks and it looked as if they would survive when Villani, Marocchi, Carter and Johnny Nyskohus were again off target.

But in the 86th minute Villani, directly in line with the goal, threaded a shot through a ruck of players and when Olver looked certain to stop it the ball struck Marocchi on the head

and deflected into the net.

Just 39 seconds later Villani was on his own midway inside the Heidelberg half, beat Valentine, and slotted the ball low past Olver.

Fans took to the pitch and the stand erupted for the first time in weeks to a victory chant.

While the victory lifted the Giants defeat did not sink Heidelberg as they finish in the top four by a goal ahead of Preston and are the team I would back in next week's Phillips Cup final against Leichhardt — but they could be minus Cole.

He had to come off late in the second half with a foot injury which saw him carried to the trainer's bench unable to stand on his left leg.

Cole had run well up-front and on the wings for Heidelberg, Jamie Paton bustled all day as did Theo Selemidis, and Valentine looked good in midfield.

But the hero of the day must be Villani for the way he took his goals, and close behind was again Bobby Russell, a right-back who covers every blade of grass.

It was, as we said, a nightmare return for McNally, but considering the wait he had to get back he can be excused, particularly as he settled as the game wore on. Ferguson and fellow-coach Johnny Perin announced McNally would be in goal again this weekend for the second leg of the \$5,000 Escort Cup match against West Adelaide.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally, Russell, B.Nyskohus, Shillabeer (Caruso 81), Flounders, Signore, Carter, Rankin, Marocchi, J.Nyskohus, Villani.

HEIDELBERG: Olver, McMillan, Tansey, McLeod, Valentine, Yzendoorn, Selemidis, Campbell, Paton, Yankos, Cole (Taylor 76).

REFEREE: D. Campbell (SA). CROWD: 1982.

KOSMINA BAGS THREE MORE

Australia's No 1 central striker, Johnny Kosmina, wanted to leave no doubt in anyone's mind that he is the king of goals by scoring yet another hat-trick in the last round of the PSL for Sydney City and end the season with 23 goals.

Sydney City wiped out West Adelaide 5-2 at the Sydney Athletic Field, to underline their superiority once again that they are true champions.

The PSL champions took the field without four of their regulars (Patikas, Bruce, Spanos, O'Connor), yet still held too much power for the South Australians.

Kosmina cracked his first goal in only the fourth minute of the match after being set up by Watson.

Yet in the 26th minute, West Adelaide managed to equalise through Manecas, but just before half-time Kosmina again hit the target with a magnificent diving header from a top corner by his partner-in-crime, Joe Watson.

The PSL's most consi-

By Kirios Kanis

stent player over the last six years, Joe Watson, then cut loose on his own to bust through three defenders before he let fly with a 'bomb' that tore the West Adelaide net and put Sydney City ahead 3-1.

In the 69th minute, West Adelaide pulled back a goal when Sydney City's defence was caught at sixes and sevens, allowing Atsalas to zip in and score.



Kosmina hit the target again for the third time and Brazilian Nelio Borges added another.

Kosmina's hat-trick (his fourth this season) must surely make national coach Les Scheinflug feel easier with the coming tour of Singapore next month.

Sydney City coach, Eddie Thomson, told ASW:

"Kosmina is the No 1 striker in Australia. I always said this, even as early as the first two weeks of this season. He looked real good and hungry then and thus went right through the year and finished the job that his form promised at the beginning of the year."

"You can have your overseas stars. 'Kossie' is the one I want. He is a champion; that is why he is with a champion team."

Little Joe Watson once again left his mark and showed just why he is the No 1 right flank player in Australia by setting up three goals and crashing home one for himself.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke: Mullen, Cant, Robertson, Haslam: Watson, Borges, Barnes: Boden, Kosmina, Mitchell: (sub: Lee).

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook: McGregor, Totsikas, Dunn, Maricic, Brennan, Atsalas, Koulianos, Heys, Manecas, Honeyman, Koulianos: (sub: Doorne).

REFEREE: Richard Lorenc.

MARCONI'S LATE RALLY

By Keith Gilmour

Marconi came back from near-certain defeat to tear the Newcastle KB Raiders apart over the last 20 minutes and record a 3-1 win at Marconi Stadium.

After a hot-and-cold season, the win at least lifted the Leopards above the Raiders on the final table.

Newcastle was in the box seat to play Marconi off the park from the 30th minute. Roberto Vieri was setting up all the moves in his very best style until he took a severe knock on his ankle and was taken off on a stretcher and whisked away to Fairfield Hospital for attention.

KB netted the first goal of the game before halftime from a brilliant Jim Hamilton shot and were desperately unlucky not to have recorded a second.

In the 53rd minute midfielder Joe Senkalski exploited a gaping hole in Marconi's defence. He hit hard and true but the ball came back off the far post and Allan Maher was delighted to find it in his arms at the far end of goal without having to move an inch.

Later is was all Marconi and their sudden ability to hit top gear meant that their win was more than thoroughly deserved. England's World Cup winning immortal Bobby Moore was at the game and said that he thoroughly enjoyed it.

"It's the first match I've seen on the East Coast of Australia and a few of the players showed some very useful skills," he stated.

Actually things started off in a somewhat leisurely fashion. Newcastle achieved because they got the ball to the feet of their forwards, enabling them to lay it off or move through in possession.

But later when they struck some real pressure a few players showed a distinct lack of skill in meeting the challenge.

Newcastle coach Ken Kaiser put his team's lack of sparkle late in the game down to the amount of work striker David Lowe had done in the Youth Soccerroos camp during the week. Definitely those crisp passes were missing.

Three players who did wonders for Marconi when the chips were down were right-back John Djordjevic, stopper Bert Mariani and left midfielder Tom McCulloch.

I thought that Djordjevic showed far more class than he did with Blacktown last season, and it leads one to wonder just how Marconi would have gone had he been available and not injured for most of the season.

Mariani failed at times with his distribution early in the game, but overall he worked like a Trojan and pulled off some of the best moves to come from him for a long time.

McCulloch did well to supply two of the passes from which goals resulted, but he blotted his copybook to some extent by sending an 86th minute penalty-kick wide of the posts.

Tony Henderson started without much drive, but he worked much better as the game progressed. His 72nd minute goal left Newcastle desolate. He raced through the middle and stretched out to divert McCulloch's cross into goal.

Then Rene Licata managed to get his foot in before the defence swooped and another McCulloch pass was helped into the Newcastle net.

Mark Jankovics had been striving to no avail. He made a great job of a cross from Vic Bozanic and his header added to the tally.

John Sneddon had one arm in the air when Jankovics tried to slip the ball over him and a penalty was the result.

It was a heartening end to the season for Marconi. For their part Newcastle must look with some pride to their ability to pick up 19 points from the second round after taking only eight from the first.

MARCONI: Maher, Djordjevic, Prskalo, Mariani, Degney, McCulloch, Henderson, Vieri (Bozanic 30), Hunter, Jankovics, Licata.

NEWCASTLE: Gosling, Endacott, Tredinnick, Sneddon, Drinkwater, Mason, Senkalski, Hamilton (Stamp 73), Jones, Lowe, Drysdale.

REFEREE: T. Boskovic. CROWD: 1,880.

WOLVES OVERCOME JITTERS

Wollongong City supporters almost roared the roof off the Wollongong Showground grandstand after their team had overcome a massive dose of nervous tension and a missed penalty to beat Brisbane City 3-1.

By Phil Murphy

The win has put the Wolves into the semi-finals in just their second season in the PSL — a magnificent effort considering they lost their first five games.

For most of the game it seemed they had blown their chance because they couldn't handle pressure.

They had everything to gain, while it seemed Brisbane City were going to cause an upset simply because they were having "a day out" and there was certainly no pressure on them.

The Wolves were woeful in the first half even though the Brisbane side lost midfielder Frank Pimblett after just 33 minutes.

Pimblett was sent from the field by referee Tim Davies after an incident involving Wolves midfielder Alan Waldron. He will be charged with kicking an opponent.

At that stage everything looked stacked against the Brisbane side but they seemed to play better with ten men.

With Jim Hermiston outstanding in defence, they frustrated the Wollongong side into continuous errors.

After only 17 minutes the Wolves had a great chance to take the tension out of the game when referee Davies awarded them a penalty after Steve Perry handled.

Lee Adam placed his spot-kick far too close to goalkeeper Kim Wishart and he dived to his left to push it away for a corner.

Roy Cotton replaced Larry Gaffney in the Wolves lineup after 25 minutes but Cotton wasn't to make any real impression until midway through the second half.

The first half ended with the game scoreless and with the Wolves fans wondering when their team was going to fire.

They must have wondered just how the Wolves were going to recover when Barry Kelso put Brisbane ahead after 58 minutes.

As Wolves coach Willie Wallace said after the game the Brisbane goal was probably the best thing that could have happened.

"It seemed to take the pressure off our players and they settled down to get the job done from then on," Wallace said.

The Wollongong side reacted almost immediately but it wasn't until the 63rd minute that they managed to get the all-important equaliser.

The goal came from the boot of energetic midfielder John Fleming. Fleming pounced on a loose ball after Wishart dropped a Peter Tredinnick corner and the Wolves were level.

After Phil O'Connor had a clear-cut chance blocked by Wishart and Peter Willis was just wide with a good shot, it was left to local boy Glenn Fontana to get the second goal.

He was well-placed in the centre to hammer home a Phil O'Connor cross from the right wing and the home supporters started celebrating.

With just three minutes to go and with Brisbane reeling, O'Connor made certain of the win when he scored after Cotton did the lead-up work on the right.

It was only in the last 25 minutes that the Wolves looked like semi-final material but Wallace says it will be a lot easier in the game against Heidelberg.

He said Wollongong will be able to settle down and play their natural game from the start in the semi-final.

Hermiston played well for the Gladiators while over the 90 minutes Fleming was again the pick of the Wollongong side.

WOLLONGONG: Preston, Willis, Bertogna, Ainsworth, Fleming, Adam, Waldron, Tredinnick, Gaffney (Cotton 28), Fontana, O'Connor.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart, Tokesi, Perry, Liddell, Hermiston, McVeigh, Hamilton, Pimblett, Cairney, Kelso, Glockner (Carey 63).

REFEREE: T. Davies. CROWD: 4,122.

DOC DEPARTS WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE

By Tom Peters

South Melbourne players farewelled their manager Tommy Docherty with a superb exhibition of attacking soccer and a convincing 3-1 win over Leichhardt.

Docherty returns to England this week to ponder his future.

He has to seriously consider an offer by the Australian Federation to take charge of their national team.

"I am not quite certain yet what I will do," The Doc said yesterday.

"I also have to consider the offer by Sydney Olympic. I certainly would like to work in Europe, but I am not going to rush my decision."

Docherty has not discarded the possibility of returning to South Melbourne because of his contractual obligation.

Also doubtful is the return to Souths of a number of players.

Midfielders Jim Shirra, John Stevenson, Bill Rogers and brilliant forwards Alun Evans and Branco Buljevic will go on the market for a new club.

A question mark also hangs over Charlie Egan.

Egan scored a goal in the last round, but despite his effort he could not catch Sydney City striker John Kosmina as the leading goalscorer.

Egan certainly had the chances, but he failed repeatedly to beat Leichhardt goalie Parkes from point-blank, thus adding to his frustration.

Leichhardt centre-half Kilkelly presented South Melbourne with a gift after 12 minutes.

In his attempt to clear the

ball from inside his area, he beat Parkes with a powerful volley.

Leichhardt fought gallantly but Souths defence stood solid against the penetrating attacks from Soper, Bradley and Jones.

A shrewd rearrangement of the team in the second half gave Leichhardt the strength to take control of the game and score the equaliser.

Wilson drew Soper away from Steve Blair, giving him the necessary space for his quickdashes.

The equaliser came in the 50th minute, after a quick exchange between Bradley and Soper.

The diminutive midfielder put Soper through with a defence-splitting pass. In superb style, Soper evaded the defenders and side-footed the ball in the net.

All hell broke loose after the equaliser.

South Melbourne threw themselves in attack and for almost 35 minutes hed their opponents defending.

Allan Davidson beat Parkes for the second time with a low drive from outside the area, from a square pass by Rogers.

Then Egan scored his 20th goal of the season in the 70th minute.

Branko Buljevic, substituting for injured Karl Halford, burst in the area and unleashed

a powerful shot which Parkes failed to control.

Incoming Evans challenged for the ball and pushed it forward to Egan, to tap it in the net.

Wilson brought in Godzik, but the move failed to change the fate of the Strikers.

SOUTH MELBOURNE:

Laumets, Bennett, Davidson, Nikolaidis, Blair, Xanthopoulos, Rogers, Buljevic, Campbell, Evans, Egan.

LEICHHARDT: Parkes, Pullen, Carter, Kilkelly, McAusland, McBreen, Bradley, Giampaolo (Godzik 72),

Morsello, Jones, Soper.

REFEREE: C. Bambridge.

CROWD: 2,500.



Alun Evans of South Melbourne tries a shot past Leichhardt defenders Tom Kilkelly (centre) and Col McAusland.

HITCHCOCK COULD NOT BETTER THIS

By Jock Stephen

Master thriller man Alfred Hitchcock wrote some mighty stories to whet our literary appetite, but 'the master of suspense' did not give us any more action than the final round of Philips League matches last Sunday.

Preston, in fifth spot was championing at the bit for a place in the top four, with Heidelberg and Wollongong hanging on to what points they had acquired. The other end of the ladder was not without its share of heart-throbs either.

Preston were victorious 3-0 over Footscray.

The battle to avoid 15th place became clouded, until Brisbane Lions sent Canberra down with that single goal. Meanwhile, Preston only needed another goal or two and Heidelberg would have crashed from third to fifth place.

A healthy 5,000 crowd was filing through the gates at the kick-off in this local derby.

Footscray attacked with a northerly wind, and Vlatko Belic found the ball out of reach when well placed.

Zdravko Lujic received close attention and was twice brought down in as many minutes. Then George Todorovski set about clearing his lines with fine support from David Jones, Con Opasinis and Graham Fox.

The Preston pressure almost brought instant results when George McMillan drove over at the eighth minute, only to see Jim Kondarios reply in similar fashion at the ninth minute.

Preston came back, and this time the effervescent Doug Brown headed in strongly after 10 minutes to score.

Slobodan Jovanovic was seen to good effect when he flashed the ball goalward in a spectacular move forward, only to see the ball rise over the bar.

Jusuf Hatunic cleverly worked his way through the Preston defence, but oh that finish at the 26th minute!

Preston were now in full control, and a nice pass from Gary Ward saw George McMillan score with a low drive at 28 minutes.

Footscray were finding it difficult to regain their composure, and only Jovanovic proved his class when the chips were down.

An Ilioski corner was well held by Steven Potter, who has an easy manner when he holds the ball firmly and well.

A rugged tackle by Jim O'Reilly on McMillan earned a yellow card just on half-time, with Preston in full control.

Footscray built up slowly on the resumption, but all to no avail. Vlatko Belic was yellow-carded for a crude tackle, and almost immediately the free-kick taken by Todorovski was headed home by McMillan for his second goal. And what a goal!

Ollerton replaced Alan Whittle. The only difference noticed was the crisper passes from Ollerton.

The tight situation, unfortunately for Preston, was not resolved as two more goals would have tipped Heidelberg out of the four, and Preston would have been in.

The Ilioski shot at the 70th minute which hit the side-netting could be regarded as the only near thing during the second half.

The facts were simply that Preston had winners everywhere, just when they were wanted.

Coach Peter Ollerton said that he was immensely pleased with the team's position, as his aim had been the top eight, and here they were almost in the four.

PRESTON: Potter, Fox, Opasinis, Whittle (Ollerton 53), Jones, Todorovski, Brown, Flavell, McMillan, Lucchesi, Ward.

FOOTSCRAY: Boland, Hazabent, O'Reilly, Kondarios, Jovanovic, Hatunic, Pljevaljcic, Kyriakouelas, Belic, Ilioski, Lujic.

REFEREE: S. Mellings. CROWD: 5,000.



PETER OLLERTON

LITTLE FIGHT FROM CANBERRA

By Greg Russell

A second half revival was not enough to keep Canberra Arrows in the Philips League and for the second consecutive week Brisbane Soccer followers watched a team slip into relegation.

After watching Brisbane City draw with St George the previous week and therefore having no chance of survival, only a token crowd turned up at Richlands to watch Lions defeat Canberra 1-0.

And in the first half they couldn't have been blamed for thinking the southern side had no aspirations to

remain in the national competition. With the exception of Terry Byrne and Jim Murray, there was little fight in the Canberra side and Lions were unlucky not to score on a number of occasions.

The winning goal the home side did get came 29 minutes into the match when a Mark Atmore free-kick to the near post was completely missed by Angelo Ambrosino, and Billy Williamson turned the ball in from a narrow angle.

But John Ogden, Ron Millman and Danny Wright, who looked particularly dangerous, caused the Canberra defence continual problems and Arrows keeper Steve Hoszowski made two good saves and watched several other attempts go just wide or high.

Canberra began the second period much more aggressively and in fact had a chance to equalise in the first minute of the half. Former Lions player Paul Ontong played a nice overlap and his shot was de-

flected by Atmore onto the post and away for a corner.

Shortly after, Ian Gibson broke through but was professionally fouled by Atmore, an offence which earned him a caution from referee Dave Nugent.

Both teams made a substitution in the 61st minute — Ian Stone for Ian Purdie for Canberra and for Lions,

youngster Marty Ratcliffe for Ogden. Ratcliffe, 19, a regular scorer in the Lions State League team was one of two youngsters coach Joe Gilroy blooded in this final match.

Midfielder Peter McClurg, who was a member of the successful Queensland Under 19 side which won this year's national championship, played a full 90 minutes and looks a prospect for the future.

But the substitution of Stone swung the game more towards Canberra and he was involved in moves in the 75th and 80th minutes which could have netted the Arrows a life-saving point.

First he made a good run then crossed the ball to Gibson who headed down to Gary Byrne, whose shot was well saved.

His second attempt was a free-kick knocked in low for Steve Bryant, whose flick rolled across the goal-mouth.

That was the last attempt Canberra made. But for a last minute header by McClurg, the match was all over and the curtain came down on what has been one of the most disappointing Philips League seasons yet for Queensland.

Lions: Scanlan, McSkimming, Niven, Atmore, Bennett, Hogg, McClurg, Ogden (Ratcliffe 61), Wright, Williamson, Millman.

Canberra: Hoszowski, Ontong, T. Byrne, G. Byrne, Murray, Gibson, Purdie (Stone 61), Ambrosino, MacLaren, Christopoulos.

Referee: Dave Nugent.



In this spot every week, we shall publish extracts from readers' letters — good or bad! If you want your opinions aired, please keep letters and postcards short and to the point.
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SOCCER'S STATE

I would like to comment on an article in the Sydney Morning Herald about the true and sad state of Soccer in Australia today. Nobody in their right mind could disagree with the points raised and I would like to go further.

1. The PSL is tottering on the brink of collapse and whatever happens now it has utterly failed to gain widespread public support. The concept of a national Soccer league is without fault, but sadly the structure of the PSL from the beginning has resulted in the current debacle.

2. Despite the enormous goodwill and publicity generated by the World Youth Cup last year, there has been no noticeable spillover of support for the PSL or the various State Leagues. This again was predictable.

3. For the first time in living memory, Aussie Rules via the Swans has easily supplanted Soccer as the only serious competitor football code to Rugby League in Sydney. Worse still, this was achieved in the space of less than one year and the prospects for Aussie Rules in 1983 are even better.

4. The various Greek and Italian-based clubs which dominate the PSL, and the various Croatian clubs together with some lesser ethnic clubs that dominate the majority of State League competitions are not the saviours which are keeping serious club Soccer afloat. In fact, over a period of many years, because of continuous sporadic bad behaviour of a MINORITY of their so-called supporters, many of the few supporters that the smaller ethnic and area clubs have, have been driven away, as well as making it almost impossible for them to attract new support.

5. Well-supported ethnic Soccer clubs such as the various Greek, Italian and Croatian clubs and some others definitely have a right to exist simply because there is a definite demand for them, but the question is should these clubs be allowed to dominate the game to such an extent that all the others are

totally dependant and captive of them?

6. The game of Soccer as played in most countries over the past 17 years or so is just not the same entertaining spectacle that it was once and still can be.

7. Unlike Aussie Rules and Rugby League, too many young Soccer players lack true commitment and dedication. As well, for reasons unknown to me, Australian youth seem to adapt more comfortably to the less demanding handling-football codes than Soccer.

8. Soccer officialdom continually announce new and bigger sponsorships for the national team, the World Youth Cup team, etc, but many years ago it was pointed out that the best way to achieve a strong national team is to build a strong club competition — any sort but preferably a national competition. How true today, more so than then. As well, when you think of all the money that has gone into Soccer at various levels in Australia since the successful World Cup campaign of 1974, it's hard to believe that the results have been so pathetically meagre.

9. Over the years, I have heard many stupid Soccer administrators declare the imminent rise of Soccer as the major football code in Australia. The fact is that Soccer has been around in Australia for so long now that if the game was going to make it to the top it would have happened years ago. Most Soccer fans in Australia I feel would like to see the game in Australia raise itself to a level where it gains the respect and support of all TRUE Soccer lovers. It is always better to be the best ahead of the biggest.

Finally, predicting the future of Soccer in Australia is difficult, but I would not be surprised if the Sydney Swans quite unwittingly are going to play a significant role in the future direction of Soccer in Australia.

Whatever others may think, Sydney and Newcastle are the key factors in Australian Soccer. If there had been no successful VFL invasion of Sydney then Soccer would have carried on in its usual slip-sliding manner. Is this the lead-up to another 1957 crisis for Australian Soccer? No doubt time will tell.

Soccer Fan,
Sydney

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For the good of Soccer in this country, keep up the national league; my opinion is that PSL officials should expel any team not able to attract no more than 1,500 people.

PRESTO LETTER OF THE WEEK

Every week, ASW presents a selection of the many letters we receive.

The top letter will win a great leg of PRESTO ham for its writer, which will be delivered (although we reserve the right to withhold the award if there is no outstanding letter).

Please ensure that you put your name and residential address on your letter (although not necessarily for publication) to qualify for the PRESTO LETTER OF THE WEEK. And please keep your contributions short — we haven't got the time and space to wade through unnecessary pages for avid writers.

Not previously having been a Soccer follower, I have been reading my brother's copies of ASW and found it to be a very interesting sports paper.

So interesting in fact, that I have started to follow Soccer and never miss a game when St George play at home.

I like the personal stories and the interviews you do on players. Your writers Mr Earl and Mr Economos really dig into their targets and bring to surface many aspects about the players which we never read in the morning or evening papers.

I do feel though, however, that wherever possible more photos would greatly enhance your brilliant paper.

The content is so informative I can just

For instance, one club in Sydney should be replaced by Sydney Croatia.

R. Reagan
Greenacre, NSW

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AUSSIE STYLE

As an Argentinian-born, but a true blue Aussie by choice, I like Soccer to be played with lots of skills, but I do not agree in any way with the comments made by Mr Fred Villiers that we have to copy the Brazilians' style. I do agree in all the aspects with Tom McKain that we can produce our own style.



NOW A SOCCER FAN

Imagine that huge amount of research your staff must do to end up with such a final product. I am a girl attending high school and have never played Soccer, but now I'm sorry that I haven't after reading and watching it. I have relatives in Queensland who never miss reading your paper now as I have influenced them.

When will you publish your last edition for the year? Will you continue during the off-season? I wish you would.

Pia Parry (age 13),
Bexley, NSW

The results we had at the Coca-Cola Cup last October has proved that our young Soceroos can do a lot of good for Soccer in this country; we have only part-time players and even so we are not so far behind, as we could see in the last World Cup, where there were teams advancing to the second round without a single win.

Now, one more point; I do really think that Les Scheinflug is the right man to coach the Soceroos. I met Les when I was a junior coach at Club Marconi, and I was really impressed with him. I am confident Les will do a good job.

Charlie Bautista
Busby, NSW



SCOTS GET READY

Arnccliffe Scots team is up in arms over suggestions that they put playing in the Royal Crown Tournament in Hawaii ahead of representing NSW.

The team's coach, Alan Lytton, said: "Three players could not turn out for personal reasons.

"The other two attend the Wollongong Institute of Education and it was impossible for them to get time off for the championships in Queensland.

"The fact is that they could not play, but the wrong reasons were given."

Mr Lytton said that it was minuted that the team could play in the Royal Crown Tournament which is not until October, two months after the National Women's Championships.

HOPE AFTER A STEADY YEAR

By Don Balmain

In the annual report of the Australian Women's Soccer Association which was presented to the annual meeting recently, the president, Mrs Elaine Watson, said that 1981-82 had been a year of steady consolidation for the AWSA with a glimmer of "better days ahead".

The first indication of this was the result of the New Zealand tour by the youngest national team ever.

They were so successful and carried all before them, and this clearly demonstrated the wealth of talent within the ranks of youngsters coming forward.

The second was the proposal by West Nally to enter into an agreement with the AWSA entirely separate from the ASF and the realistic approach adopted by them.

"It was all very well to 'pipe dream' when astronomical figures like \$100,000 were waved around," said Mrs Watson, "but cold hard logic prevails when consideration is given to what is expected in such an outlay."

Mrs Watson continued: "The plain fact is that until media exposure improves dramatically, we have NOTHING to offer. However, a sponsorship deal itself could generate awareness and start the ball rolling. We must keep

up the pressure on both fronts and seize with both hands every chance which is offered."

The response to the questionnaire showed that most representative players approved of the actual performance of the executive management committees along practical lines. But, however, the big disappointment for the administration was the large proportion of players who expressed disapproval or had reservations on theoretical lines.

In other words, they approved of what had been done but were not really enthusiastic about those who had done it. It would seem from this that the administrators in all States would have to do a lot more PR work to overcome the distrust which seems to exist between players and administrators.

The indications from the players confirmed what the administration had believed for some time. A full-time coaching administrator should be

the prime aim.

Every effort will be made to make this a reality in the near future.

Incorporation of the AWSA is now complete with Miss Stephanie Quinn being appointed the publicity officer in Canberra.

With the formative meeting already held in Auckland earlier this year and the inaugural meeting planned for November, a women's Oceania federation is almost finalised.

From this will flow increased pressure on FIFA to recognise women's Soccer by instituting a world-wide women's competition along the lines of a World Cup and World Youth titles.

Such action is long overdue and FIFA must be made aware that unless they wish organisations such as WIFF to take over, a legitimate structure must be created with opportunities equal to or better than those already on offer from this source.

A further incentive to juniors coming through the ranks in most States in

WITH THE GIRLS

the instigation of the Under 15 Championships.

The event will be held this year in Victoria at Ross Reserve, Noble Park, over the first weekend in October.

This year there will be four States involved: Queensland, where the championships were held last year, NSW, Nthn NSW and Victoria.

With more juniors coming into the Soccer scene, it is likely that the ACT will be entering these championships as well next year.

With the formation of the Oceania group, it will be necessary in the future to budget for the cost of sending delegates to the

Oceania meetings, said the treasurer.

This would be most necessary if Australia was to be fully represented in world women's Soccer affairs.

Additional expenses were incurred this year when two delegates represented the AWSA in Auckland at the formative meeting of the women's Oceania group meeting.

Australia will be proposing to the group that the country hosting the meeting in future will also be responsible for arranging free accommodation of the delegates.

Emphasis was stressed at the meeting of the importance of being a group

member of FIFA/Oceania and the long-range benefits that would come from it.

The annual balance sheet showed that the AWSA was in a stable condition financially but still relied heavily on government assistance for all of the overseas travel costs for national teams and a large amount of administrative travel.

The new office-bearers for the AWSA are Elaine Watson (president), Alan Hampton (vice-president), Betty Hoar (secretary), Irene Sneyd (treasurer), Noelen Stanley (registrar) and Don Balmain (publicity).

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THE YOUNG LIONS

Australia's Soccer future depends on its ability to develop its own players.

While it is one thing to boast 500,000-plus junior players, just how many of those players break into senior football and into the Socceroo team?

The most pleasing aspect of PSL and State League Soccer in recent years has been the emergence of so many young local players.

Each week in Australian Soccer Weekly we will introduce one of Australian Soccer's young lions — local youngsters who are making their mark at the top.

SHANE CLINCH — SUTHERLAND

Boasting one of the strongest and most populous junior associations in Australia, Sutherland has been the nursery for many fine players in the past.

Many graduated to the district's State League side, many went on to bigger and better things.

Under the direction of John Watkiss, Australia's best all-round player since the war, Sutherland are still in the business of converting young talent into first-team players.

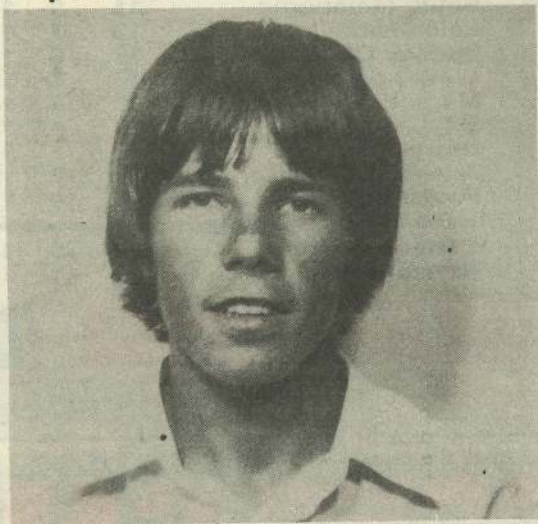
According to Watkiss, who has been the head coach at Sutherland since 1979, one of the brightest of the current crop is Shane Clinch.

"Shane has good skills, two good feet and is an exceptional header of the ball for his size — he gets up and powers into it like Max Tolson used to," says Watkiss.

Watkiss also likes the way he keeps his head under pressure and his excellent work-rate.

"In fact his work-rate is too good at the moment as he is dropping too far back into midfield and not doing justice to his role up front," says Watkiss.

"I am confident he can make it, though he has a lot of hard work to do to gain the necessary experience at the top level and he must improve his speed, which is one of his weakest attributes."



Eighteen-year-old Shane, who played Rugby League till he was eight, switched to Soccer when his family moved from Randwick to the Sutherland Shire.

He played with St John Bosco primary school and Engadine Eagles until he was 15 before winning a place in Sutherland's Under 15 side.

Shane graduated to the club's third team last year and made his State League debut earlier this season.

Already a member of the Australian World Youth training squad (NSW division), Shane, who works for OTC as a clerk, would like to make the final squad for New Guinea and

help Sutherland cement a place in the top four.

He sees himself spending a couple more seasons with the Shire before trying his luck in the PSL.

On his own game, Shane says: "There is heaps of room for improvement, particularly in my speed and acceleration, my strength on the ball and my one-touch game."

For the moment though, it is consolidating his position in the Sutherland line-up (and perhaps a Grand Final win) — a position he thanks John Watkiss and Bob McAneny, his coach at Engadine, for helping him to achieve.



Three Cairns youngsters hoping to make it to the top are (from left) Mark De Boom, Craig Phelps and Colin Junna. All three boys impressed me during my recent visit to Cairns.

Mark plays for Saints in Cairns and is an Under 15 Queensland rep, Craig who plays for CUB, played for Queensland Under 15s last year and is in the Queenslanders' Under 16 rep team this year, whilst Colin, the younger brother of Ray Junna who is at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra, is an Under 15 Queensland rep this year.

TIPS FOR KIDS, PARENTS & TEACHERS

Ron Corry, who has done such a splendid job coaching Canterbury in this year's State League, is one of the best-ever goalkeepers produced in Australia.

His Socceroo days began in 1967 with Uncle Joe Vlasits Socceroos and, apart from his general play, he was one of the greatest kickers of the ball.

Corry played his last PSL match in 1981 for Marconi where he acted as deputy to 'Spider' Maher, as well as coaching the club's goalkeepers.

His advice is naturally to young goalkeepers, their parents and coaches.

- Always have your body behind the ball.
- Eyes on the ball and hands in correct catching positions at all times.
- When diving you must dive on your side and you must be agile.
- Play the game all the time in your mind and concentrate on your clearances to start your team's attack in a positive manner.
- Above all you must be brave and fearless.



The Far North Queensland Under 15 zone team at the Mazda U15 State championships played at Lions Stadium Richlands recently.

BACK ROW (from left): John Bent (manager), M. Long, G. Venturato, D. Werner, D. Piper, B. Wallace, M. Mazzer, P. Venturato, T. Eckersley.

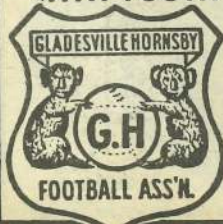
FRONT ROW: L. Carswell, M. De Boom, C. Junna, W. Berryman, P. Macor, P. Coffin, M. Sprecher. Mark De Boom and Chris Junna played in the Qld side in last week's Under 15 titles in Frankston, Victoria.



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WORLD SOCCER SHOTS

CAMEROON

• Cameroon international goalkeeper **Thomas N'Kono, 27**, who conceded only one goal in his team's three matches during the World Cup Finals, arrived to join his new club **Espanol Barcelona** in Spain last week.

The "untamable lions" keeper, who is to sign a two-year contract, will replace Belgian international Theo Custers.

The transfer fee is reputed to be about \$85,000.

HOLLAND

• Nottingham Forest's new Dutch goalkeeper, **Hans Van Breukelen**, was called into his country's squad to meet Iceland in their European Championship preliminary round match.

Breukelen was named by Dutch national manager Kees Rijvers as one of two keepers among the 15 players he will take with him on the trip. Rijvers has selected one other player working abroad, defender Michel Van De Korput, who is contracted to Italian club Turin.

The squad is:

Goalkeepers: Hans Van Breukelen (Nottm for), Edward Metgod (FC Haarlem).

Defenders: Ben Wijnstekers (Feyenoord Rotterdam), Michel Van De Korput (AS Turin), Edo Ophof, Peter Boeve and

Frank Rijkaard (Ajax Amsterdam).

Midfielders: Ruud Gullit, Michel Valke (Feyenoord), Willy Van De Kerkhof (PSV Eindhoven), Dick Schoenaker and Gerald Vanenburg (Ajax).

Strikers: Jurrie Koolhof (PSV Eindhoven), Wim Kieft (Ajax).

SPAIN

• While most Spanish schoolboys dream of one day making a career in professional football, 11-year-old **Salvador Castello Moles** had actually achieved his ambition.

But when he makes his league debut this season, it will not be as a goalscoring hero for Barcelona or Real Madrid in front of 80,000 hysterical supporters.

Instead, he will be taking part in a modest Spanish Third Division match, armed with a notebook in his pocket and a whistle hung around his neck.

For Salvador has just become the youngest referee to join the Spanish League list after completing a training course run by the Spanish Football Federation. Despite the competition from aspiring referees much older than himself, he scored the second highest marks in the examination.

At an age when he might have been forgiven for dreaming of scoring

the winning goal in the World Cup Final, Salvador's ambition is the far less glamorous one of the playing the role of the man the crowd love to hate in international matches.

And he proved that he has all the makings of a first-class referee when he said: "I think that the first thing that should happen is that the players should learn the rules, because many of them do not understand."

ENGLAND

• Sources close to the diminutive Argentinian midfielder, **Ossie Ardiles**, say he appears to regret his decision to part company with English football as a result of the Falklands War between Britain and Argentina.

Ardiles, who watched his old club Tottenham Hotspur draw 2-2 with Luton Town, trained with his former team-mates close to his England home.

Ardiles was transferred to Paris St Germain for a year at the start of the season but is then due to return to — Spurs — to fulfil the rest of his two-year contract.

• England captain **Kevin Keegan** made a dream debut for Second Division Newcastle United and was hailed as a hero after scoring the winning goal against Queens Park Rangers.

Thousands of Newcastle fans, hoping the 31-year-old striker will lead their once-great club back to old heights, chanted his name before the match and ecstatically saluted his 60th minute goal.

The former European Footballer of the Year, who reportedly joined Newcastle from First Division Southampton for more than \$5,000 a week, drew a crowd of more than 36,000.

Keegan, who tasted triumph with Liverpool and West Germany's Hamburg, knows Newcastle has a long struggle ahead, but says nobody could have asked for a better start.

POLAND

• Poland manager **Anton Piechniczek** had to do without star **Zbigniew Boniek** for the friendly international with France at the Parc Des Princes last week.

But Poland still won 4-0. Boniek has started playing for Italian side Juventus and is only available for competition matches.

In his absence, Piechniczek named the following side for the match which re-opposed the two sides which played out for third place in the World Cup Finals in July (Poland won 3-2 on that occasion).

Kazmierski (Legia Warsaw), Majewski (Legia), Janas (Auxerre, France),

Dolny (Gornik), Jalocha (Wisla Krakow), Buncol (Legia), Wojcicki (Lodz), Ciolek (Stal Mielec), Kupciewicz (Lech Poznan), Dziekanowski (Gwardia), Smolarek (Lodz).

ASIA

• Qatar, Bangladesh and India emerged as the top three seeded teams in the draw for Group one of the 23rd Asian Youth Football Tournament scheduled for October in the Nepalese capital, Katmandu.

Fifteen Asian teams will participate in the round-robin tournament.

The winners and runners-up in Group One will qualify to meet China and North Korea, which placed as the top teams in the Group Two portion of the tournament held in Singapore.

Peter Veleppan, who as general secretary of the Asian Football Confederation conducted the draw, said the finals will be held sometime in December but the place has not yet been chosen.

The two finalists of the Asian group will qualify for the World Youth Championship tournament in June 1983 in Mexico.

Afghanistan, Lebanon and Jordan are not participating for internal political reasons, even though Iran and Iraq are

taking part.

• China won the President's Gold Cup tournament by beating Thailand 4-0 in the final.

Malaysia won third place by defeating South Korea 1-0.

SINGAPORE

• Favourites Qatar defeated defending champions South Korea 2-1 in the opening match of the Lion City Under 16 Cup.

Nine countries, Malaysia, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Brunei, Qatar, South Korea, Indonesia, Thailand and Singapore, are taking part in the fortnight-long youth tournament.

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sydney City	20	5	5	68	28	45
St George	14	8	8	47	40	36
Wollongong	16	3	11	43	46	35
Heidelberg	13	8	9	42	37	34
Preston	12	10	8	45	41	34
South Melbourne	11	9	10	46	37	31
Leichhardt	12	7	11	49	54	31
Sydney Olympic	12	6	12	52	42	30
West Adelaide	10	8	12	44	40	28
Marconi	12	4	14	44	43	28
Brisbane Lions	10	8	12	39	42	28
Newcastle	10	7	13	43	52	27
Adelaide City	6	12	12	36	44	24
Footscray	5	14	11	34	46	24
Canberra Arrows	7	10	13	37	54	24
Brisbane City	5	11	14	32	55	21

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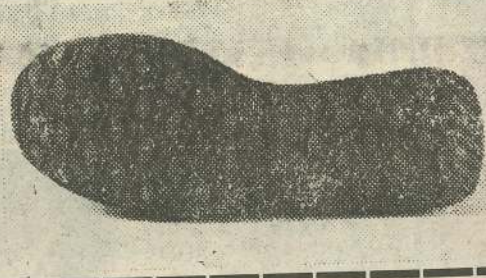
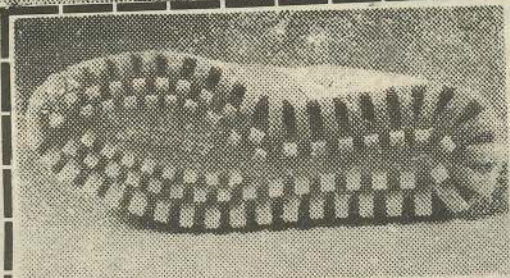


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KEITH GILMOUR'S JUNIOR SCENE

NSW STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

U9 at Forbes:
Southern NSW 2, Western NSW 2; Southern NSW 0, Riverina 0; Western NSW 1, Riverina 0; Western NSW 1 Southern NSW 2.

U10 at Griffith:
Friday: Nepean 0, Granville 3; Western NSW 2, Southern NSW 0; Canterbury 4, Riverina 0; Granville 3, Western NSW 1; Canterbury 8, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 6, Riverina 0.
Saturday: Canterbury 0, Granville 2; Nepean 3, Western NSW 2; Riverina 4, Southern NSW 1; Canterbury 2, Western NSW 0; Nepean 7, Southern NSW 0; Granville 3, Riverina 0; Canterbury 5, Nepean 0; Granville 9, Southern NSW 0; Western NSW 1, Riverina 1.
Play-off for Metropolitan Championship: 1. Canterbury, 2. Nepean.
State Champions: 1. Granville, 2. Canterbury.
Country Champions: 1. Riverina, 2. Western NSW.

U11 at Merimbula:
Southern Dists 0, Sutherland 0; Western NSW 3, Southern NSW 1; Granville 3, Riverina 1; Southern Dists 2, Western NSW 2; Granville 7, Southern NSW 0; Sutherland 2, Riverina 0; Granville 1, Southern Dists 1; Sutherland 5, Western NSW 1; Southern NSW 2, Riverina 2; Granville 5, Western NSW 1; Sutherland 6, Southern NSW 1; Southern Dists 3, Riverina 0; Granville 2, Sutherland 0; Southern Dists 12, Southern NSW 0; Western NSW 0, Riverina 0.
State Champions: 1. Granville, 2. Southern Dists.
Country Champions: 1. Western NSW, 2. Riverina.

U12 at Bates Drive, Kirrawee:
Illawarra 2, Bankstown 3; Western NSW 4, Southern NSW 0; Nepean 3, Riverina 0; Western NSW 4, Bankstown 0; Nepean 4, Southern NSW 0; Illawarra 2, Riverina 0; Nepean 1, Bankstown 1; Western NSW 2, Illawarra 0; Southern NSW 3, Riverina 1; Western NSW 3 Nepean 2; Illawarra 6, Southern NSW 0; Bankstown 5, Riverina 0; Illawarra 1, Nepean 0; Bankstown 2, Southern NSW 0; Western NSW 4, Riverina 0.
State Champions: 1. Western NSW, 2. Bankstown.
Country Champions: 1. Western NSW, 2. Riverina.

POLONIA CUP

U13: Manly 10, Polonia 0; Marconi 3, Avala 2; Illawarra 2, Riverwood 1.
U14: Avala 3, Bankstown 0; Canterbury 2, Illawarra 1; Manly on forfeit.
U15: Blacktown City 2 (5 penalties) Southern Dists 2 (3 penalties); Illawarra 1, Avala 0; Riverwood on forfeit.
U16: Croatia 3, Bankstown 1; Marrickville 3, Canterbury 1.

All smiles from midfield player Leif O'Brien, who is recognised for his smart passing as a player with Carlingford Redbacks in the Gladesville-Hornsby competitions.



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THE NSW U16 SQUAD CELEBRATE THEIR TOURNAMENT VICTORY:

BACK ROW (L to R): Miroslav Marinkov, Steve Tsingolis, Tony Danaskos, Craig Williams, Andy Callanan, Steven Zantidis, Geoff Biscaya (capt), Greg McPhail, Darren Plumb, Scott Bond.
FRONT ROW: Harry Ree, Brett Thornthwaite, Robert Turch, Peter Petkovski, Eddie Gonano, Jason Goldsmith.

NSW SUPREME AT UNDER 16 LEVEL

By Brad Earl

New South Wales is back on top at Australian Under 16 level, after strong performances throughout the week-long series held in western Sydney.

The Light Blues defeated the old enemy, the Maroons of Queensland, 4-0 in the final at Cook Park, St Marys, when they proved too experienced for their northern opponents.

Two NSW players carried out the instructions of coach Vic Renkovetsky to the tee by cutting out Queensland's most dangerous players.

Robert Turch made the vital breakthrough after five minutes, when he blasted a 20 metre shot in.

Almost immediately, NSW had a great chance to double the score when Steve Tsingolis knocked in a header, which brought a brilliant save out of Queensland keeper Paul McClure.

Just then, NSW looked capable of turning on a great display of football, but they settled back and consolidated.

The Queenslanders placed much of their emphasis on defence — which was the pattern of every team bar NSW in the tournament — but even with two stoppers in front of a sweeper they couldn't stop NSW.

Nine minutes after half-time, Queensland striker Lee Scriggins thought he had equalised after turning well on the ball to go into the penalty area and shoot, but the ball, rather incredibly, stuck in the dirt in the goalmouth.

In the last 14 minutes of the match, NSW sunk Queensland with three more goals. Attacking midfielder Tony Danaskos scored when the ball dropped into the goal after a defender and McClure desperately attempted to clear.

Two minutes later, Brett Thornthwaite — who held control in mid-

field — cracked his shot well from the edge of the area to put the score at 3-0, and just before the final whistle Danaskos scored his second after being set up well by defender Eddie Gonano.



NSW U16 coach Vic Renkovetsky holds on tightly to the Sir Stanley Rous Cup

NSW: Marinkov; Gonano, Zantidis (Bond 65), Ree, Biscaya; Williams (McPhail 65), Thornthwaite, Danaskos; Tsingolis, Petkovski, Turch.

QLD: McClure (Harrison 58); Lerch, Carless, Orr, Cooper, Byrne; Carman, Boyd (Poloskey 58), Burgess (Barry 36); Scriggins, Lamond.

REFEREE: Rob Davies (NSW).

In the play-off for third place, Victoria scored a lone goal eight minutes from time to defeat Northern NSW.

Both these sides went close to making the final, especially Victoria, who regarded themselves as the better side in the semi-final against eventual winners NSW.

Victoria's downfall in the tournament was the lack of finishing power.

The winning goal in the

play-off was scored by skilful left striker Theo Mitsou, who deflected the ball past the goalkeeper after a shot from John Kanesoulis.

Earlier, Kanesoulis had smashed a penalty, awarded for a foul on Warren Spink, against the upright — continuing the Dark Blues run of bad luck with spot-kicks, as they lost 4-5 on penalties to NSW in the semi.

TURCH TOPS

Robert Turch, the NSW striker, was voted the 'player with the most potential' at the U16 titles.

The presentation was made by UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, and Turch received a magnificent bronze medallion.

Usually a centre-forward, Turch switched to right striker after the knee injury to usually right striker Darren Plumb — his club-mate — and he scored in every game.

He also opened the scoring in the final, with a cracker of a goal from 20 metres out.

A product of the Blacktown district, Turch has been with Blacktown City for two years, and is a star of their third grade side.

"I want to stay at Blacktown, and see how I go," Turch said.

Speaking about his award, he paid tribute to his State team-mates: "Without the whole side I'm nothing. The whole squad's been fantastic to me."

UNDER 16 RESULTS:

Round 1: NSW 3 SA 0; WA 2 Vic 0; NNSW 5 ACT 0; Qld bye
Round 2: Vic 1 ACT 0; SA 0 Qld 0; NNSW 3 WA 0; NSW bye
Round 3: NSW 3 Qld 1; Vic 1 NNSW 0; WA 1 ACT 1; SA bye

Group A: 1. NNSW, 2. Vic, 3. WA, 4. ACT.
Group B: 1. NSW, 2. Qld, 3. SA.

Play-offs: SA 2 ACT 1, WA 3 SA 0

SEMI-FINALS:

Qld 1 NNSW 0
NSW defeated Vic 5-4 on penalties (after 1-1)

Third-place play-off:

Vic 1 (Mitsou) NNSW 0

FINAL:

NSW 4 (Danaskos 2, Turch, Thornthwaite) Qld 0

POSITIONS:

1. NSW, 2. Qld, 3. Vic, 4. NNSW, 5. WA, 6. SA, 7. ACT.

STANDARD DOWN

Former national coach and Australian Institute of Sport Soccer director, Jimmy Shoulder, said the standard of football at the tournament was "a bit disappointing".

"There were some good players, but there were too

many mediocre players. However, having said that, at this age there is a lot of pressure and you're never relaxed."

Shoulder pointed to the Queensland side, which he said is not as good as Queensland teams of the past three years.

TINDALL DISLIKES 'GROUP' FORMAT

The Western Australian director of coaching and Under 16 team coach, Ron Tindall, was disappointed at the structure of the U16 titles.

"It is a most unsatisfactory way to run this tournament on the basis of two groups, especially as in one group there were only three teams."

In fact, from that group, New South Wales virtually qualified for the semi-finals after only one match.

"Look at Queensland. They finished runners-up, yet their record was won one, drew one, lost two, with two goals for and seven against. There were other States whose record was better than theirs."

"If the aim of the championship is to find the best Under 16 team, then it can only be on a round-robin basis. The best team then will emerge."

"The main thing with these titles is that the best team did win, and 4-0 is a true reflection of New South Wales' superiority over Queensland."

Tindall also congratulated the excellent work done by the host councils, Penrith City and Blacktown City, and the Penrith United Soccer Club, which impressed many people.

"The ground and general facilities were excellent, although the teams were too far apart at Wallacia and Colyton."

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THE VICTORIOUS NSW UNDER 15 STATE SQUAD

BACK ROW (from left): Frank Wilson (trainer), Tony Rapo, Rod Clark, Chris Kalantzis, Nick Conradi, Ross Etherington, Matthew Bower, Greg Lerond, Robert Hooker, George Churchward (manager), John Hedison (coach).

FRONT ROW: Steve Strasshoffer, Chris High, Greg Fisher, Dave Worthington, Carlo Spina, Joe Lianca, Wayne Pierce, Kevin Black.



REVENGE FOR LIGHT BLUES

By Jim Leslie

New South Wales ran out worthy winners of a very good standard Under 15 Championship at Frankston Pines, Victoria, last week.

The clash that was expected to be a highlight of the championship, the game between Victoria and New South, was watched by an estimated 2,000 on Thursday, and resulted in a resounding 4-1 victory for the Light Blues.

NSW took an early lead when Vic centre-back Greg Simons missed his clearance and left Greg Fisher the simple task of hooking the ball over goalie Lorenzo Boggi's head.

Victoria equalised almost immediately as captain Robert Markovac converted from the penalty spot, but straight after half-time NSW asserted its superiority as Steve Strasshoffer broke away and scored with an absolute thunderbolt of a shot from the edge of the penalty area that gave Boggi no chance.

Victoria wilted badly after that, and Carlo Spina's goal and then Ross Etherington's successful spot-kick merely added icing on the cake as far as NSW was concerned.

It was the Victorian squad's first defeat in 27 games, as it had progressed through the U13's and 14s, coached by Tony Dunkerley.

Dunkerley had no excuses after his team finished runners-up.

However, the loss of first-choice goalkeeper Ross Carrozza and then an injury to left-back Paris Tzambis in the vital game undoubtedly affected the balance of his defence.

Carrozza was involved in a fracas with some NSW players after Vic's opening game against ACT, and was suspended for the tournament.

The sentence was subsequently amended to a two-match suspension, but Boggi retained the position.

The UNICEF bronze medal for most promising player

went to ACT's goalkeeper, Richard Tomaszewski — a very popular choice.

Joint top goalscorers in the tournament were New South's Greg Fisher and Victoria's Robert Marovac with seven goals each.

Players who took the eye were NSW captain Robert Hooker, and his team-mates Greg Fisher, Steve Strasshoffer and Ross Etherington; Scott Watson and Con Kiakos of Victoria; and Thomas Caravas and Jamie Webb of Queensland.

ACT's goalkeeper Richard Tomaszewski has already been mentioned, and another goalie who tried manfully against great odds was Northern Territory's Warren Evans.

Northern Territory might have finished bottom, but they won a lot of hearts with their cheerful, sporting attitude throughout.

UNDER 15 RESULTS:

Round 1: WA 1 NSW 0; Vic 3 ACT 0; NNSW 1 Qld 0; NT 2 Tas 0.

Round 2: NSW 2 (Bower, Etherington) Qld 0; NT 0 NNSW 4; Tas 0 ACT 2; WA 1 Vic 2.

Round 3: Tas 0 NSW 3 (Fisher 2, Klantzis); Vic 2 NNSW 2; WA 1 Qld 2; ACT 1 NT 0.

Round 4: NSW 2 (Strasshoffer, Klantzis) NNSW 0; Tas 2 WA 1; Qld 0 ACT 0; Vic 7 NT 0.

Round 5: NT 0 WA 5; ACT 1 NNSW 2; TAS 3 QLD 2; NSW 4 (Fisher, Spina, Etherington, Strasshoffer) VIC 1.

Round 6: TAS 2 NNSW 3; VIC 2 QLD 0; WA 3 ACT 0; NSW 4 (Fisher, Bower, Strasshoffer, Kalantzis) NT 0.

Round 7: NSW 8 ACT 0; Vic 6 Tas 0; WA 2 NNSW 1; Qld 7 NT 0.

POSITIONS: 1. NSW, 2. Vic, 3. NNSW, 4. WA, 5. ACT, 6. Qld, 7. Tas, 8. SA.

PHILIPS YOUTH LEAGUE 1982 SUMMARY

Once again the Philips Youth League has proved a resounding success, at least in the area of producing and unearthing new Australian Soccer talent.

There are still a number of administrative and policy bugs to iron out with the clubs and the PSL office.

Most of the PSL clubs have had outstanding success in the promotion of Youth League players into the senior ranks and most of them have been scoring goals. Examples are Alan Reis (Canberra Arrows), Robert De Ceglie (Leichhardt), David Lowe, Nigel Drysdale and Ralph Meier (Newcastle), Gary Phillips (Olympians), Robert Slater (St George) and Graeme Fletcher (Sydney City).

Our congratulations to the St George side, their coach Richard Alagich and manager Frank Koczka in taking out the Philips Youth League title in their first year in the competition.

After a slow start to the season in which they could only manage seven points in the first eight rounds, Saints steadily climbed the table to finish the competition with 33 points, three points clear of their nearest rivals Sydney City on 30 points, with a possibility that the gap might be closed to a two-point margin if and when AIS plays its deferred match against Newcastle.

Saints also took out the honour of having won more games during the season than any other side (14).

Sydney City also took out a number of honours: they scored more goals than any other side (56), and conceded the least (26), and subsequently had the best goal difference of +30.

AIS took out the honour of draw specialist for the year with (to date) seven drawn matches.

Marconi had the dubious honour of scoring the least goals in the season (23), whilst wooden-spooners

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Wollongong conceded the most goals (64).

LEADING GOALSCORERS:

(1981 goals in brackets)

Graeme Fletcher (Sydney City) — 14 (12), Chris Townson (Olympians) — 14 (13).

The number of goals scored in the League this year dropped dramatically from 415 in 1981 to 349. This is reflected in the low tally of the leading goalscorers as opposed to their 1981 counterparts, Paul Scheinflug (Marconi, 22) and Michael McLaughlan (AIS, 19).

HAT-TRICK HEROES:

Alan Reis Canberra v Newcastle Rd 11
Shane Hall Leichhardt v Wollongong Rd 26
David Lowe Newcastle v Canberra Rd 4
Vince Collagui St George v Olympians Rd 11
Grant Lee Sydney City v Canberra Rd 12
Graeme Fletcher Sydney City v Canberra Rd 23

LEADING CLUB SCORERS:

AIS Rod Brown — 10, Frank Farina — 9
CANBERRA Alan Reis — 11
LEICHHARDT George Savidis — 7, Shane Hall — 6,
Robert De Ceglie — 6
MARCONI Domenic Giannone — 8
NEWCASTLE Nigel Drysdale — 7, Simon Brandt — 7,
Brett Gemmell — 6
OLYMPIANS Chris Townson — 14
ST GEORGE Dennis Duarte — 10, Dandrew Koczka — 9, Vince Collagui 9
SYDNEY CITY Graeme Fletcher — 14, Peter Vale 10,



A delighted NSW U15 captain, Rob Hooker, holds the Championship trophy high.

NORM JONES ON THE JOB

Where do leading referees finish up when they lose the pea from their whistles?

There is one answer to that for Norm Jones, in former years a top NSW State League referee.

Norm has created a record at the Epping YMCA Soccer Club in the Gladesville-Hornsby dis-

trict by coaching the under 21 team to their fifth successive premiership and championship.

His second team of under 17s were runners-up in their competition.

Norm has attended the nine-day Senior Coaching Course on five separate occasions.

MITTAGONG FOR YOUTH LEAGUE

There has been

much enthusiasm in the Highlands Soccer Association district to bring their leading players ahead.

A public meeting decided to investigate the conducting of Under 13, 14, 15 and 16 teams in the NSW Youth League.

The attendance at the meeting was excellent and the whole question is being closely examined.

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BILL TURNER CUP FINAL

Bankstown Boys High School were victorious in the 1982 Under 15 Bill Turner Cup final, defeating holders Glendale High School 1-0 in an exciting match at Macquarie Field, Speers Point.



Jittery and nervous would be the best way to describe the feelings of the Bankstown Boys High Bill Turner Cup team prior to the kick-off in the year's final against Glendale High.



Paul Kemp, the Phillips Soccer League secretary, travelled to Newcastle for the North's big school promotion for 1982. He is seen here presenting the runners-up winner to Glendale High coach Bob Derrick after the final of the Bill Turner Cup. Cup co-ordinator Barry Kemp was delighted to have Paul and Northern NSW president Stepan Kamasz in attendance.



Led by skipper Lennie Junon, the Glendale High Bill Turner Cup team receives their pennants from Paul Kemp.

• MORE PICTURES NEXT WEEK

ST JOSEPHS KINGSWOOD U7 SQUAD

RIGHT: Brian Ostrowski (left) fights for the ball against Emerton.
BELOW: BACK ROW (from left): Daniel Seget, Andrew McLaughlin, Paul Corkill, Matthew Walsh, Andrew Johnson, Corey Johnston, Brian Ostrowski.
FRONT ROW: Bradley Corcoran, Craig Kilpatrick, Adam Wright, William Barton, Stewart Holstein, Wayne MacKenzie.



McDONALD'S CUP AT BUNDABERG

By Andrew Stillman

The Bundaberg Junior Soccer Association has found an excellent way of providing extra match practice for their representative teams.

With the help of local McDonald's Restaurant owner Mal Forman, the association has been able to run a McDonald's Cup competition.

The representative teams played up a division to give the club teams a chance and the standard of Soccer was very high.

All representative teams did well. The U12 representative team went through the competition undefeated. They topped the points ladder and then went on to defeat Eagles U13 2-0 in the grand final. In all they scored 39 goals without conceding any.

In the U14 division, the U13 representative team finished third behind Aston Villa U14 and Diggers U14. Aston Villa defeated Diggers 3-1 in the grand final. The U14 representative team topped the table in the Under 15 division. In the grand final, Diggers defeated the Under 14 representative 2-1.

This match was played as the curtain-raiser before the State League match between Across The Waves and Brisbane City.

Where there were enough teams, those not in the top four competed for a B grade final.



Mal Forman presenting the McDonald's Cup trophy to Andrew Stillman, captain of the U12 representative team which won the U13 grand final.

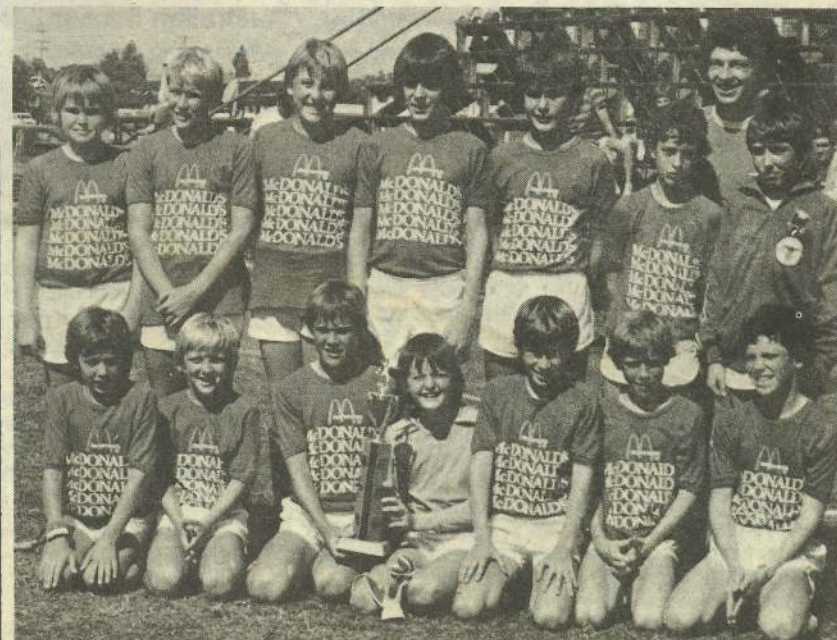


EAGLES U13 TEAM: BACK ROW (L to R): Craig Summerfield, Scott Knowles, Gavin Hunt, Mark McLean, Bruce Moynihan.

MIDDLE ROW: Brian Stitt, Tony Clark, Derek Palmer, Brian Reid, Lee Mantell.

FRONT ROW: Carl McNeice, Chris Clark, Bryan Hammond.

COACH: Colin McNeice. MANAGER: Ross McLean.



BUNDABERG U12 REPRESENTATIVE TEAM: BACK ROW (L to R): Michael Cross, Shaun Aslett, Darren Roll, Stephen Bird, Wayne Trudigan, Timothy Green, Tony Carey (coach), Nigel McDuff.

FRONT ROW: Damien McDonald, Jason Trotter, Andrew Stillman, Mark Zardus, Simon Hurwood, Andrew Grohn, Darren DeFlorian.

EARLWOOD EDGES OUT THE TABLELANDS

By Robert Wozniak

Earlwood managed to scramble the ball off their line in the closing stages following a 20-metre free-kick to hold on to their 2-1 lead and win the NSW Under 14 State Cup.

It was, however, the Southern Tablelands who started the scoring when A. Lofts netted the first goal of the match from 20 metres out.

The Wanderers goalie misjudged the ball and it deflected into the net.

Earlwood became more involved and N. Nicos scored the equaliser follow-

ing a build-up and cross from the right flank.

Earlwood pressurised early in the second half, but fell foul of Southern's well-drilled offside trap.

The game evened out, and then Southern attacked well against the wind.

But Earlwood's S. Spyrikis scored with a vol-

ley from a corner for the winner.

Southern Tablelands threw everything into the game to get a break, but

they just could not succeed.

It was however a grand display by the country boys, as well as by the winners.

PHOTOS of the various NSW Amateur State Cup U14, 16 and 18 teams and the U21 Robertson Cup teams can be purchased by contacting Robert Wozniak on 642 5471.



SOUTHERN TABLELANDS: BACK ROW (L to R): J. Hayward, G. Murdoch, S. Brisbane, L. Slow, D. Betts, G. Keller, D. Shilling, R. Lofts (coach). FRONT ROW: T. Jacka, G. Sendall, A. Lofts, S. Elder, G. Leslie, E. Raymond, M. Collings. ABSENT: M. Angelosante, E. Elder (manager).



EARLWOOD WANDERERS: BACK ROW (L to R): F. Hijazi (manager), R. Briskas, C. Fragale, J. Meleo, P. Hambessis, M. Parent, C. Philippou, J. Hambessis (coach). FRONT ROW: P. Dimos, B. O'Sullivan, N. Nicos, S. Spyrikis, F. Saaty, S. Hijazi, P. Earls, D. Shaw.



GOAL! Southern Tablelands keeper S. Elder certainly had his eye on the ball, but it went in for Earlwood Wanderers in this fine action shot from the State Under 14 Cup.



Sydney Branch president Harrie Denning makes the Under 14 State Cup presentations to Earlwood Wanderers at Seymour Shaw Park. Part obscured is State secretary Rod Woods as well as the referees of the day.

TOP COACHES AT ROOTY HILL

The Rooty Hill RSL Youth Soccer club sponsors 27 teams in the Blacktown District SFA competitions, and is one of the oldest and largest in the Blacktown district.

Teams include boys and girls from under 6 to all-age, and the players live in the local areas of Rooty Hill and Mt Drutt.

We have two main coaches. One is club coach Ken Lindsay and the other is Derek Griffin (goalkeeper coaching). Ken is an ex-Marconi, West and Raith Rovers player who has now turned his hand to coaching.

Derek is formerly from Tottenham Hotspur, Leytonstone Amateur, Auburn, and Corinthians, and has three Olympic games caps for Great Britain as a goalkeeper.

These men have only been coaching our youngsters since the beginning of this season, and the improvement in both the boys and girls is tremendous.

We have quite a few players in representative teams as well as those playing club Soccer.

Six boys from the U11/1 side were chosen to have a week's intensive training with Blacktown City, and compete with other boys from the district for a

four-year apprenticeship with the Blacktown City club.

The boys were B. Jones, R. Kojic, D. Byrne, P. Stannard, G. Titcombe and S. Anderson.

As well as this, S. Williams from the U9/1 team won a trip to the Soccer Academy in Canberra for two weeks' intensive training program.

This club is part of an RSL Youth Club which caters for 17 different sports for the youth of the district.

Soccer is the largest. This year we cater for approximately 420 in Soccer alone, and we promote the game as much as possible.

Our purpose is one day to see some of the boys and girls going through to play senior Soccer and to wear the green and gold of Australia.

But most of all we aim to let the boys and girls enjoy the game, and if one day you hear the cry at a senior game "IN THE NET ROOTY HILL" you will know we have achieved our objective.

— TOM DAWSON & M. FLOYD



A BRIGHT YOUNG ROOTY HILL RSL TEAM:

COACH: Rex Hottes. MANAGER: Peter Kosic. BACK ROW (L to R): J. Hottes, A. Miller, R. Kojic, K. Byrnes, B. Abercrombie, B. Magion, A. Bell, S. Rothwell. FRONT ROW: S. Cutts, A. Degiorgio, A. Rygielski, Jeremy Barnes, I. Inguanez, S. Hibbard.

SUTHERLAND SOCCER (S.S.J.S.F.A.)

Applications are invited for the following positions for the 1983 Soccer season:

- Senior coach — representative teams
- Youth league coaches — U13 to U16
- Metropolitan championship coaches — U11 & U12
- Senior ladies representative team
- Representative team convenor

It is intended that appointments will be made prior to team selections which commence in October.

Applications are to be in writing stating qualifications and experience to: the Secretary, S.S.J.S.F.A., PO Box 231, Miranda, NSW 2228.

HUNTER BOYS' SUCCESS

The Hunter Region is proud that five primary schoolboys from the area were in the winning NSW team in the Australian Primary Schools Championship.

The boys are David Smith (Cessnock West), John Russell (West Wallsend), Cameron Hudson (Edgeworth Heights), Warwick Lambert (Weston) and Jason Daniluck (Edgeworth), who scored eight goals.

Coach was former First

Division player Jeff Boardman, who is now deputy principal of Barnsley Public School, where the boys were quartered before playing in Canberra. They were delighted to visit the Australian Institute of Sport and to play on Bruce Stadium as well.

NSW CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS

The draw has been issued for all grades in the 1982 Championship. Teams from under 8 to seniors compete in this magnificent series. The first round begins on Sunday, September 19 and the finals are scheduled for Sunday, October 17. The winning first division teams from Associations from Sydney and the NSW country all compete.

NEW SOUTH WALES STATE LEAGUE

MELITA EAGLES — BLACKTOWN CITY 3-0
 Farrugia, Allan, McKie
 YUGAL — SUTHERLAND 0-3
 Harrington, Groome, Meades
 CANTERBURY — BANKSTOWN 3-1
 Arnold 2, Brown (C); O'Neill (B)

TOP SCORERS

15 — Graham Arnold (Cant)
 13 — Terry Smith (Man), Barry Walker (Riv)
 11 — Mark Holloway (Aub), Paul Kirwan (Black), Peter
 Hensman (Cr), Terry Jones (Riv), Tony Bush (Suth)
 10 — Don Allan (Mel), Brian Parker (Riv)

Croatia.....	25	15	7	3	44	10	37
Blacktown.....	25	15	6	4	49	28	36
Riverwood.....	25	16	4	5	50	31	36
Sutherland.....	25	14	5	6	41	21	33
Manly.....	25	12	6	7	44	31	30
Melita.....	25	10	9	6	40	23	29
Canterbury.....	25	11	5	9	38	39	27
Yugal.....	25	8	6	11	34	45	22
Polonia.....	25	6	9	10	17	23	21
Auburn.....	25	6	9	10	23	34	21
Avala.....	25	5	10	10	29	38	20
Bankstown.....	25	4	5	16	30	54	13
Monaro.....	25	4	5	16	29	57	13
Rockdale.....	25	2	8	15	26	60	12

MELITA TURN IT ON

By Brad Earl

Melita Eagles realised all that their strong squad has promised this year when they defeated Blacktown City 3-0 at Melita Stadium.

The loss for Blacktown means Croatia are reinstalled as favourites for the championship, leading by a point with one match to go.

For Melita, this was their grand final.

With one game remaining, they were keen to go out with a bang, and what better way than to defeat the Demons in front of 3,400 spectators at their home ground.

They showed skill and class, and turned on entertainment too often missing in Australian Soccer.

However, it wasn't all one-way traffic, with Blacktown holding a definite advantage for the first half-hour.

In that time, the Demons were spurred by Stu

Selva and Gerry Gomez from midfield and Bucky Krstic out wide up-front.

The first real chance of the match fell to Melita in the seventh minute, when right-back Greg McCoy pushed the ball from the flank to Don Allan who first-timed the cross for Johnny McKie, but he headed high.

After 15 minutes, a rebound ran into the path of striker Paul Burrows, but keeper Alex McPherson — who had a strong game — was out and down quickly to block his shot.

Melita came more into the match as the half drew to a close, and then in the second half unleashed their full strength with the wind behind them.

They scored the three

goals in the 15 minutes after the break, and from then on Blacktown never looked capable of a comeback.

The first goal came just one minute after half-time, when McKie did well on the right wing to get the ball across to Ray Farrugia, who trapped the ball and slammed it in from the edge of the penalty area.

In the 50th minute, Farrugia had another chance but scooped the ball over the bar after good lead-up from Alec Jamieson and Micky Cross.

Two minutes later, Campbell's shot from the left side of the penalty area beat Blacktown's keeper Bruce James, who had come off his line. Three Eagles players had moved into the goalmouth, and Allan flicked the ball in.

Melita coach Vernon Darvill analysed his team's game: "In the first half, we left our two front-runners up and we didn't get up in support and we didn't use the flanks enough. In the second half, we used the space out wide and we were getting men up."

"But no matter what you say it's up to the players who go out there, and it was a great team effort."

It would be unfair to leave any of the Melita players out as far as performances go, but Farrugia shone on the left side of midfield, Campbell showed all his skills, and McCoy was superb on the right, continually going past opponents.

Blacktown manager Rale Rasic said that his side lost the thing that has served them so well this year — principle and organisation.

"Melita never had a shot in the first half, but in the second half we lost

the principle in defensive play we usually have. Principle and organisation has brought Blacktown success."

"As soon as you've lost principle, you've lost the game — and that's the way it should be. Melita are one of the better teams in the League."

Doug Utjesenovic, Rasic's assistant, said: "We knew what we had to do before the match, as a win would have virtually made us champions, and our players are experienced enough to take that pressure. We have to blame ourselves."

Referee Barry Wilkinson had very good control of a tough match.

MELITA: A. McPherson; McCoy, Williams, McGinn, Daley; Cross, Jamieson, Farrugia; Campbell (Martinez 86), Allan, McKie.

BLACKTOWN: James; Wheatley, Rasmussen (Quarmby 62), Brogan, Pointer, Gomez, Selva, Hosseini; Burrows, Krstic (Johnston 50), Kirwan.

REFEREE: Barry Wilkinson. CROWD: 3,400.



Fifth Division

First Grade:	
Eastwood v Ryde	3-4
Trasandinos v Haberfield	3-1
Second Grade:	
Eastwood v Gr Valley	5-4 (pen)
Macquarie Uni v Ryde	1-2

Sixth Division

First Grade:	
Smithfield v Murray Farm	1-0
Macarthur v Hajduk	1-0
Second Grade:	
Murray Farm v Smithfield	1-3
Macarthur v Sth Sydney	5-0

BANKSTOWN 'ROBBED'

Bankstown had two goals disallowed as they went down to Canterbury 1-3 at Arlington Oval.

Canterbury took the upper hand early, with striker Graham Arnold opening the scoring in the 11th minute with a shot in the goal area after a cross from the left wing.

Ross Brown scored the second in the 20th minute with a shot from the edge of the penalty area which deflected past the Bankstown keeper.

However, Bankstown came strongly into the match in the second half, and were unlucky not to earn a point.

Just two minutes after the break, Bankstown striker Bobby Farthing had the ball in the net, but, after initially appearing to award the goal, after conferring with his linesman, referee Reid Barton ruled 'no goal'.

Bankstown also 'scored' in the 65th minute, but they were ruled offside.

It was third time lucky when Chris O'Neill headed home in the 72nd minute after a corner from Allan Bourke, and 30 seconds later O'Neill came forward again from his central defence position to head the ball over the bar.

However, Canterbury sealed the match when midfielder Johnny Anagnostopoulos broke down the right and smashed in a hard cross for Arnold to head in.

Arnold, Brown and midfielder Jim Basterfield were best for Canterbury, while Farthing, Chris Rootsey and young substitute Martin Silins (the second grade top scorer making his first-team debut) were strong for the Town.

CANTERBURY: El Zein; Miodovic, Binos, Hantzic, Laws; Theodorakopoulos, Anagnostopoulos, Basterfield; Vassiliou, Arnold, Brown.

BANKSTOWN: Lohman; Blackburn, Beck, Rootsey, O'Neill; Drain, Bourke, Sirett; Gilligan (Brown 35), Farthing, Campanella (Silins 69).

State League Lower Grade Results

Riverwood v Avala	4-0, 2-0
Melita v Blacktown	1-2, 3-1
Canterbury v Bankstown	1-0, 1-1

Second Grade

Sutherland.....	25	17	6	2	56	21	40
Melita.....	25	14	8	3	53	23	36
Bankstown.....	25	12	9	4	45	26	33
Croatia.....	25	11	8	6	33	23	30
Riverwood.....	25	12	5	8	40	30	29
Canterbury.....	25	11	5	9	53	38	27
Blacktown.....	25	11	5	9	49	37	27
Manly.....	25	11	3	11	49	40	25
Avala.....	25	9	3	13	27	54	21
Yugal.....	25	8	3	14	32	48	19
Rockdale.....	25	6	7	12	24	50	19
Auburn.....	25	6	5	14	26	38	17
Monaro.....	25	6	3	16	36	55	15
Polonia.....	25	4	4	17	13	53	12

Third Grade

Melita.....	24	20	0	4	67	17	40
Blacktown.....	23	14	6	3	49	28	34
Riverwood.....	23	15	4	4	48	25	34
Sutherland.....	23	14	5	4	59	24	33
Manly.....	23	14	4	5	45	24	32
Canterbury.....	23	10	5	8	30	28	25
Rockdale.....	23	9	6	8	35	35	24
Auburn.....	23	7	5	11	37	43	19
Polonia.....	23	6	6	11	28	38	18
Bankstown.....	23	6	5	12	25	43	17
Croatia.....	23	4	2	17	19	47	10
Yugal.....	23	3	3	17	22	59	9
Avala.....	23	2	1	20	22	75	5

First Division

Revesby v Fairy Meadow	0-0, 1-2, 0-5
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First Grade

Ku-ring-gai.....	25	17	4	4	47	17	38
Blacktown.....	25	16	2	7	55	30	34
Fairy Meadow.....	25	12	9	4	39	24	33
Penrith.....	25	12	7	6	34	26	31
Wollongong.....	25	11	9	5	30	25	31
Warrington.....	25	11	7	7	47	40	29
Revesby.....	25	12	5	8	48	36	29
Nth Bankstown.....	25	9	5	11	33	33	23
Gladesville.....	25	6	9	10	24	32	21
Parramatta.....	25	6	7	12	31	42	19
Dee Why.....	25	5	9	11	32	46	19
Belmore.....	25	3	10	12	28	47	16
Uni NSW.....	25	6	3	16	22	45	15
Bathurst.....	25	3	6	16	20	47	12

Second Grade

Ku-ring-gai.....	25	21	2	2	77	11	44
Fairy Meadow.....	25	19	4	2	66	22	42
Gladesville.....	25	15	5	5	49	31	35
Nth Bankstown.....	25	13	6	6	36	25	32
Penrith.....	25	11	7	7	51	35	29
Revesby.....	25	10	8	7	43	27	28
Parramatta.....	25	9	8	8	40	35	26
Warrington.....	25	8	5	12	43	47	21
Wollongong.....	25	8	4	13	29	48	20
Blacktown.....	25	6	5	14	30	46	17
Uni NSW.....	25	5	7	13	23	57	17
Dee Why.....	25	5	5	15	27	48	15
Bathurst.....	25	5	4	16	25	56	14
Belmore.....	25	1	8	16	22	73	10

Third Grade

Ku-ring-gai.....	25	18	6	1	69	16	42
Blacktown.....	25	20	2	3	66	24	42
Penrith.....	25	16	2	7	76	26	34
Gladesville.....	25	15	6	4	64	28	36
Fairy Meadow.....	25	15	4	6	47	17	34
Belmore.....	25	12	5	8	46	30	29
Parramatta.....	25	12	3	10	54	40	27
Dee Why.....	25	11	5	9	37	32	27
Warrington.....	25	10	4	11	44	65	24
Nth Bankstown.....	25	5	6	14	33	61	16
Wollongong.....	25	3	7	15	24	54	13
Revesby.....	25	4	3	18	26	75	11
Bathurst.....	25	4	2	19	25	67	10
Uni NSW.....	25	1	3	21	14	90	5

FINALS

SECOND DIV

Sunday — Popondetta Park:
 3rd Gr: 11am Gladesville-Hby v Campbelltown
 2nd Gr: 1pm Campbelltown v North Ryde
 1st Gr: 3pm Artamon v Campbelltown

THIRD DIV

Saturday — Cawarra Park:
 2nd Gr: 1pm Fairfield West v Spanish Club
 1st Gr: 3pm Bondi v Port Hacking

FOURTH DIV

Saturday — Coral Sea Park:
 2nd Gr: 1pm Chelsea v Glenquarie
 1st Gr: 3pm Maroubra v Canley Heights

FIFTH DIV

Saturday — Hall Park:
 2nd Gr: 1pm Eastwood v Ryde
 1st Gr: 3pm Trasandinos v Ryde

SIXTH DIV

Saturday — Ponderosa Park:
 2nd Gr: 1pm Macarthur v Smithfield
 1st Gr: 3pm Macarthur v Smithfield

SEMI-FINALS

Second Division

First Grade:	
Artamon v Kingsford	2-0
Campbelltown v Mt Druitt	5-1
Second Grade:	
Hornsby v Campbelltown	1-3
Nth Ryde v Artamon	2-1
Third Grade:	
Gladesville v Baulkham Hills	1-0
Campbelltown v Kingsford	3-1

Third Division

First Grade:	
Bondi v Fairfield West	2-1
P Hacking v F'field Kiev 6-5 (pen)	
Second Grade:	
Pt Hacking v Fairfield West	2-3
Bondi v Spanish	1-2

Fourth Division

First Grade:	
Maroubra v Maccabi	5-1
King Tomislav v Canley Hghts	1-2
Second Grade:	
West St George v Chelsea	3-4
Moorebank v Glenquarie	0-3

SHARKS COME IN FOURTH

Sutherland Shire sealed fourth place and a spot in the semi-finals with their 3-0 victory over Yugal at Seymour Shaw Park.

However, Yugal were well in the match until the early part of the second half, and drew the best out of Sharks keeper Mal Haynes.

Mark Harrington, playing as a striker, opened the scoring in the 27th minute, but at the 35th minute mark he missed a penalty, which Yugal goalie Peter Berry did well to push round the post.

Further Sharks goals came in the 62nd minute, through Nigel Groome, and the 79th, through Steve Meades.

Sutherland's approach was to score goals, and they did that, with midfielder Jimmy Webber doing well.

In defence, Vic Dal For-

no played strongly, while for Yugal, Dave McIntosh had a good game as an attacking midfielder, and it was after he was substituted that Yugal lost their attacking rhythm.

Berry and new boy Rugari also played well for Yugal.

YUGAL: Berry; Rendell, Cummings, J. Wilson, Clarke; Augustino, Karacan, Rugari, McIntosh (Pahor 55); Rodas, Tanoski.

SUTHERLAND: Haynes; Watkins, Cashman, Dal Forno, Schumann; Clinch, Webber, Meades, Groome; Bush, Harrington.

REFEREE: Neil Condron. CROWD: 700.

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COCA-COLA BOTTLERS LEAGUE

ROUND 26 — SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

Bankstown City	v Blacktown City	Soccer Centre
Rockdale Ilinden Inter	v Cant.-M'ville Oly	Arlington Oval
Avala	v Croatia Sydney	Knight Park
Riverwood	v S.S.C. Yugal	St George Stadium
Sutherland Shire	v Auburn	Seymour Shaw Park
Polonia	v Manly Warringah	Chopin Park
Inter Monaro	v Melita Eagles	Marco Polo Oval

FIRST DIVISION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

North Bankstown	v Parramatta City	Potts Park
Warringah-N'been	v Belmore	Narrabeen Fitness C.
Bathurst '75	v Ku-ring-gai	2 BOD
Wollongong United	v Fairy Meadow	Berkley Sports Gd
Penrith United	v Revesby Workers	Cook Park
Uni. of N.S.W.	v Dee Why	Little Bay Oval
Blacktown United	v Gladesville Ravens	Francis Park

KICK-OFF TIMES (All games):

Third Grade 11.40 am, Second Grade 1.20 pm, First Grade 3 pm.



Under 21: Seven Stars

Graham Arnold (Canterbury) — has captured attention through the high number of goals he has stuck away. A well-built striker with a very good shot on the turn. Had the chance to join Sydney Olympic in mid-year, but decided to consolidate himself in State League first.

Jimmy Bottalico (Rockdale Ilinden Inter) — has been on the State League scene for some time now, with four clubs in two years, and is presently playing strongly with Rockdale as that club tries to claw its way off the bottom. A solid, uncompromising centre-back.

Shane Clinch (Sutherland) — took a few games to establish a regular spot in the Sharks' midfield in his first senior year, but in the second round of the competition has turned in several strong performances. A player with good distribution who is always working, and prepared to have a shot at goal when he finds an opening.

Paul Daley (Melita Eagles) — the holder of the NSW U21 Player of the Year award. Started this year at sweeper, but midway through the season he was switched by coach Vernon Darvill to stopper, which boosted his game. Australian Youth coach, Les Scheinflug, has been using him as sweeper. Has become increasingly keen to instigate attacks.

Darren McInerney (Auburn) — was named Auburn's player of the year, and was also a NSW U19 representative in 1982. A right-back or central defender, he is a solidly built defender with a big heart who always gives his all. Must be in contention for the right full-back position in the Australian Youth team.

Rob Wheatley (Blacktown City) — was called into the Australian squad last week and was in the successful World Youth Championship team which beat Argentina last year. On numerous occasions this year, he has moved forward from right-back to join the attack with success. A feature of his play is his one-two down the right.

Brett Woods (Croatia) — the consistency of Woods will see him go very close, as he has been solid as a rock at right-back. Signed from Sydney City, he slotted into the Croatia defence well, and breaks into attack well. Has a powerful shot which makes him an expert penalty-taker. Was kept out of the 1981 Australian Youth team by Wheatley.

THE TOP 10

Brad Earl selects the players who will be vying for the major individual honours in the State League this year — the Rothmans Medal for Best and Fairest player, the NSW Player of the Year, and the Australian Soccer Press Association Under 21 Player of the Year. The players are listed in alphabetical order.

• **Ross Brown (Canterbury-Marrickville)** — an uncompromising workhorse who has been one of the most dangerous strikers in NSW State football. Now into his '30s and because of the role he plays, he hasn't many years to go at the top, so it would be fitting to see him win an award. He has been a guiding light to Graham Arnold in his first season in State League, and the pair have a good understanding up-front.

• **Nigel Groome (Sutherland)** — has continued with the good form he displayed in 1981, when he was a 'bolter' in the Rothmans Medal count. Will be in line for awards again, as he has shown determination and skill in the Sutherland midfield. Much of the Sharks' good form has stemmed from their classy midfield, which also includes the likes of Mark Harrington, Steve Meades and Shane Clinch.

• **Terry Jones (Riverwood)** — enjoying a good year at Riverwood after transferring from Melita Eagles. Short in stature, he has been the perfect striking foil for Barry Walker at Riverwood, and is high in the top scorers list. Was probably at his best in the first round of the competition until he suffered an injury in mid-season.

• **Ziggy Kalinowski (Polonia)** — a former Polish international goalkeeper, his agility belies his large frame. Has an excellent understanding with his sweeper Tony Galas, and he has done a tremendous job in instilling confidence into the rest of the Polonia defence, which has consisted of youngsters this year. Finished equal second in the 1981 NSW Player of the Year voting in his first year in Australia. However, this season may be his last in Australian Soccer.

• **Greg McCoy (Melita Eagles)** — a solid right-back who marks well and is very under-rated. Also filled the stopper role successfully early in the season for Melita. Has fine skills on the ball and plays an integral role in attacking moves down the right for the Eagles. However, in a few matches this year he has over-committed himself to attack.

• **Cliff Pointer (Blacktown City)** — the most consistent player at the Gabbie in 1982, and has been a shining example of loyalty in Australian club Soccer. A central defender, he is a leader on the field, and this has been a contributing factor to the good form of young defenders Rob Wheatley and Mike Quarmby. One of the most dangerous players in the air in Australia.

• **Stuart Regan (Manly)** — in his second season in Australia. Regan is a grafting striker who can work with success either out wide or through the middle. Creates many chances for his partner-in-crime, Terry Smith. Always plays his heart out even if the players around him have given up.

• **Glenn Sterrey (Croatia)** — has been a revelation in the NSW State League this year. Two years ago Glenn Sterrey was playing amateur football in Bankstown. In 1981, he made the move to second grade with Croatia, and was promoted to centre-back for the first State League match of 1982. He didn't fail, and has been a cornerstone of the Croatia team since then.

• **John Stoddart (Riverwood)** — a dangerous left-midfielder who has extremely good delivery. Well-respected captain who just keeps on turning in solid performances. Didn't start the season too well but finished with a bang. Hasn't won an award before, so it may be his turn this year.

• **Neil Williams (Avala)** — the only previous winner in the field, having taken out the 1980 Rothmans Medal. A forceful midfielder who is best suited coming through the middle and joining the attack. Williams has had a very good year, unfortunately spoiled two weeks ago by a motor vehicle accident which put him into hospital.

NSW AMATEURS 'WANT IT IN WRITING'

By Keith Gilmour

The NSW Amateur Soccer Federation, with by far the biggest playing strength in Australia, wants a clear understanding of its future working relationship with the NSW Federation of Soccer Clubs.

Amateur Federation president Ian Holmes says procedures should be developed which could expedite a speedy and amicable resolution of the issues which confront both organisations.

However, the Amateurs believed that the unstructured nature of previous meetings worked against success in the past.

Items were dropped on the Amateurs with little notice and instant answers were sought.

So they expect future negotiations to be more formal with the emphasis being placed on written rather than verbal communication in the lead-up period to negotiations.

This could be more fruitful and give some hope of an amalgamation formula being reached.

As it stands, the 100,000-plus members of the NSW Amateurs have no representation on the senior executive.

The seniors have less than 3,000 players.

The Amateurs have presented a vital and progressive image and have promoted some excellent matches.

Their views must receive every consideration and they must have a far greater standing if young administrators and promoters of the code, with a firm knowledge of its background, are to work their way through to the

top ranks.

Alternatively, the code

will be bogged down at senior State level.



Auburn held their presentation night on Saturday, and the winner of the club's Player of the Year award was teenager and Gladesville-Hornsby product, Darren McInerney. Darren is pictured above (at right), with Auburn's top goalscorer, Mark Holloway.

Young right-back Glen Johnston (pictured top right) received the second grade Player of the Year trophy, and centre-half Mick Taplin took out the third grade award.



IN PROFILE

TERRY SMITH

MANLY WARRINGAH

BY BRAD EARL



Terry Smith (left) pictured for Sydney City against Canberra's Terry Byrne.

Position: Striker.

Birthplace: England.

Date of Birth: September 10, 1951.

Occupation: Sales manager, Wedgwood.

Married: No.

Career Background: Went to Stoke City in '66 as an apprentice and then a professional, staying till '73. Then came out here with Western Suburbs, then to St George, winning the Grand Final in 1974, and then joined Sydney City the following year. Played in the PSL from 1977 to 1980, but had a couple of bad years with injury. Moved to Manly midway through 1981.

Honours: Won Grand Final with St George in 1974, PSL championships with Sydney City in 1977 and 1980. No representative honours.

Biggest influence on Career: The people at Stoke City, particularly Frank Mountford, the youth team coach.

Biggest thrill in the game: Making my debut at Chelsea in 1970 when I scored, although we lost 1-2.

Biggest disappointment: Not making the grade in the First Division in England.

Favourite other sport: Watching Rugby Union, especially Randwick.

Ambition: To pass on what I've learnt in Soccer.

Best other State League team: Croatia.

Best State League players: Robert Wheatley, Brett Woods (who was with me at Sydney City), and Peter Falconer, who is potentially one of the best.

Most promising team-mate: John Van Helden, with the right encouragement and coaching.

Will you stay in the game when you've finished playing, and in what capacity: I would like to become involved in senior coaching. As far as next season goes, I'm playing it by ear at this stage.

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STATE LEAGUE SPOTLIGHT

SEND-OFF BLUES

What a way to end a premiership.

Coniston midfielder Michael Skeen managed to get sent off in the last minute of the final competition game of the season. To make it worse, his side was coasting to a 5-0 win over Tarrawanna.

FROM PHIL MURPHY IN WOLLONGONG

Skeen was given his marching orders after allegedly striking a Tarrawanna player.

Tarrawanna defender Mark Sweeney was given an early shower in a kicking charge earlier in the match.

★ ★ ★

Fairy Meadow officials are puzzled about the flow of referees from Sydney for their home games.

For the Penrith fixture, five referees were appointed over the three grades.

This has been the case most of the season.

In the old days three refs used to be able to handle the job, one controlling each game with the other two on the line.

There is a reason for the outcry from Fairy Meadow... their referees' bill for the day was \$174.

★ ★ ★

Fernhill finished the season as Illawarra's top goal-getters in premier league, but didn't get into the top four.

In their 21 premiership games, Fernhill scored 44 goals, and left coach Daryl Glover wondering what went wrong.

His biggest problem was having to chop-and-change the defence, and this resulted in 32 goals being scored against them.

The side finished in good style, beating semi-finalists Coniston and Bellambi in the last two rounds.

Glover is keen to take the job on again next season and is hoping he has a bit

more luck with injuries.

★ ★ ★

Having their first season in the Illawarra second division competition, Picton finished on a low note when there were a brawl at their ground in the last round.

Wollongong Sports were leading Picton 3-0 when spectators invaded the playing area and started throwing punches.

At an inquiry, the ISA council were told a lot of beer had been consumed at the ground and officials of both clubs weren't wearing official armbands.

Picton were fined \$275, with Wollongong Sports being fined \$150.

Ironically the referee was having a field test for his Grade II ticket.

★ ★ ★

Coach of first division Bulli, Tony McDonald, doesn't know what he will be doing next season.

McDonald coached Bulli into second place behind Warilla Wanderers this year, but wants to get back into premier league.

The ISA insist there is no promotion and relegation — even though that's exactly what happened last year — so Bulli may yet be invited to step up a rung.

The club will have to tender for Slacky Flat with Russell Vale because they seem certain to lose their ground, Woonona Oval.

Plans seem certain to go ahead for a Coles supermarket on the site of the Soccer ground.

★ ★ ★

The Fairy Meadow club gained a good fund-raiser when they lured Paul Mahanis from district team Aris.

Mahanis was a strong supporter of the Greek-backed side but decided to change his allegiance to Fairy Meadow this year.

He mans the gate at all home games and has been responsible for organising a number of fund-raising functions.

GOALIE IS WESTON HERO

Robbie Lasance made two brilliant saves during a penalty-kick event to carry Weston Bears through to the grand final of the Northern NSW First Division series.

FROM MYLES HAY IN NEWCASTLE

Lake Macquarie, the minor premiers, had shown tremendous fighting qualities when they recovered from a 2-0 deficit and forced the game into extra-time during which each side scored.

In the penalty-kick event, Lakes led 2-0 after Dave Miller and Denis King had gone astray for Weston.

But in a nail-biting sequence, Lasance performed splendidly to stop penalty shots by Steve Pitchaloff and Wayne Leary.



Lakes' chances of reaching the grand final were dashed when central defender Mike Boogaard was ordered off by referee Peter Burgess in the second half after Weston had raced to a 2-0 lead.

Boogaard had received a yellow card for an elbowing offence then was shown the red card when he showed his disgust by kicking the ball away following a free-kick decision.

However, the dismissal of Boogaard acted as a spur to Lake Macquarie and star striker Kerry Caban equalised with two well-taken goals.

In the extra-time session, Caban completed his hat-trick before Weston equalised to make the

scores 3-3 through young replacement forward Graham Taylor.

In the minor semi-final, West Wallsend defeated Adamstown by two goals to nil.

Chris Beatty headed past his own goalkeeper Steve Dorman to give West Wallsend the lead at the interval and clever forward Sepp Disch ended the Rosebud's hopes with a second half goal.

Lake Macquarie will now meet West Wallsend in the preliminary final at

Macquarie Field next Sunday.

Results:
Weston 3 (J J Turnbull, D Miller, G Taylor) Lake Macquarie 3 (K Caban 3) AET — Weston won 3-2 on penalty-kicks
West Wallsend 2 (C Beatty og, S Disch) Adamstown 0
Second Division semi-finals:
Doyalson RSL 1 (T Mason) Cardiff 0 AET
Cessnock 0 Wallsend 0 AET — Cessnock beat Wallsend 4-3 on penalty-kicks

MOVES FOR UNITY

FROM STEVE BURNS IN CANBERRA

The Australian Capital Territory Soccer Federation is moving to strengthen the administrative hand of its executive committee in the interest of Soccer's progress in the national capital.

Administrators said the plans were fundamental to the game's future.

"The weakness is that the three components of ACT Soccer — football league, Canberra league (amateurs) and junior league — each have autonomy," a spokesman said.

"What we have to do is to give the executive more power to control the coordination of the various facets of the game in the ACT."

It is forecast that the executive will not only be given extra powers but also will be expanded.

It now consists of a president, vice-president, the chairmen from each of the three leagues, and a representative of Canberra Arrows.

The plan is to expand the executive to also include representatives from the referees and coaches associations.

The spokesman said it was planned to make a full submission to the ACT Council of Clubs meeting in November. The Council of Clubs is the ACTSF's ultimate power-making body.

If it puts its imprimatur on the plan, it will then be put to the league's annual general meeting in December for formal approval and immediate implementation.

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Canberra has lost its Mercury Cider sponsorship of the popular Canberra College of Advanced Education annual seven-a-side tournament.

ACTSF sources said that Mercury Cider had told CCAE it wanted to sponsor the event again in 1982, but

CCAE's reply had been that it couldn't stage the event because of lack of officials to organise it.

It also gave as another reason the fact that the CCAE's ground had to be top-dressed at the time of the tournament.

The sponsor gave them ample opportunity to take up the offer, but it has now lapsed (hopefully temporarily).

And that's tragic for the seven-a-side tourney, which last season attracted 45 teams in three divisions — women's, Canberra league and youth teams, and State league and national league teams.

It was a day of fun and excitement — carrying some \$1,400 in prizemoney.

That's the bad news — now the good.

Canberra junior league's practice of docking a club three points for failing to send in the match report and team sheets by the Friday following a game has finally been abandoned.

The decision was taken by the league's complaints and disputes tribunal after an appeal.

CINDERELLA MISSES BALL

In the space of just two weeks, Queensland League cinderella-side, Ipswich United, appear to have blown any chances of winning the premiership.

After climbing from a distant fifth place at the mid-season mark to joint leaders at the end of round 14, Ipswich slumped to two consecutive losses in recent weeks.

And the result, in the tightly packed top-of-the-table, is that they are now in real danger of missing the semi-finals.

If that happened, it would be the second year in a row, as last year Ipswich, always recognised as one of the toughest sides to beat, were edged out by Townsville.

Ironically it was Townsville who began the latest Ipswich slump. The North Queenslanders, under the astute control of player-coach Ken Worden, formerly with Launceston Juventus, beat Ipswich yet again at Ebbw Vale when the two sides clashed two weeks ago.

Ipswich did all the attacking, as was expected, while Townsville played the waiting game. But they played it to perfection and when a break came for big Kern striker Paul Wormley, he made no mistake in slotting it away for the winner.

In contrast, Ipswich had squandered enough chances to win three games.

The North Queenslanders had come for one point but were rewarded with two, and that kept them at the top of the table but pushed Ipswich down to third.

In the last State League fixture, Ipswich were outclassed by early-season leaders Lions, who actually regained the competition lead thanks to a draw between Townsville and Valley Trident.

The match was all Lions and they emerged 3-1 winners. Such was Ipswich coach Matt Carson's disappointment that he axed four players for last weekend's Ampol Cup final — including captain and former Brisbane City PSL player Kevin Caldwell.

Others who were relegated to the bench included former State keeper Ross Kelly, former Brisbane City and Eastern Suburbs striker Mark Brusasco, and John Dann, who two months ago was linked in a possible move to Lions.

After last weekend's Ampol Cup final, Ipswich are hoping to pick up the State League threads when they play Brisbane City at Spencer Park this weekend. But that may not be as easy as the table suggests.

In their last fixture, the unpredictable City, third-bottom on the table, trounced Nambour Reds 7-3 and now are second only to Townsville as the highest-scoring team in the competition.

Ipswich's last match is a home tie against Bundaberg's Across The Waves, who for weeks have been lurking just below the top four and seem to have the happy knack of

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winning the games that count.

On current indications this match could well decide which team misses the four — and for the first time Waves sense they can make it.

The match of the round this week should be between Valley Trident and Lions at Perry Park.

Valleys are the team Ipswich will be desperate to climb above, to pass the pressure of fourth spot onto them, but the Blues have some experienced players who can really put it together when they want to.

But that appears to be Valley Trident coach Mauro Saftich's biggest problem of late — getting his team to combine. Injuries to key players have not helped and Valleys in recent weeks have been among the most inconsistent sides of the league.

They trounced Nambour 5-1 not so long ago but were dismal in the recent 0-2 loss to Brisbane Olympic.

Olympic, under the control of Len Bayliss and Con Phareneau, seem to be playing well of late and could prove to be a thorn in the sides of the top sides in the remaining two weeks. Olympic travel to Townsville this weekend to play the North Queenslanders and, if the Brisbane side get an early break, the points could be shared.

Capricornia play Twin Towns, which should be an entertaining affair as both sides have had their share of upset results in recent weeks. In fact had either shown some of the football they have played of late much earlier in the season, they could well have been challenging for a top four position.

The remaining match is between Across The Waves and Nambour. It is a match the Bundaberg side must and should win to maintain their top four challenge.

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Croatia-supported club Sunnyside United was severely reprimanded recently by the Queensland Soccer Federation following incidents after a recent Brisbane First Division match between the club and former State League side Eastern Suburbs.

Referee Col Amos, who has since retired, was jostled by Sunnyside supporters as he tried to leave the field and again when he tried to get to his car.

Amos had disallowed a possible winning goal for Sunnyside during the match, which ended in a 2-2 draw.

After hearing reports from both clubs involved, Amos, and a referee's inspector who was at the game, Sunnyside were ordered to provide two policemen at each future home game — and, if the home side requests it, two policemen when they are the visiting team.

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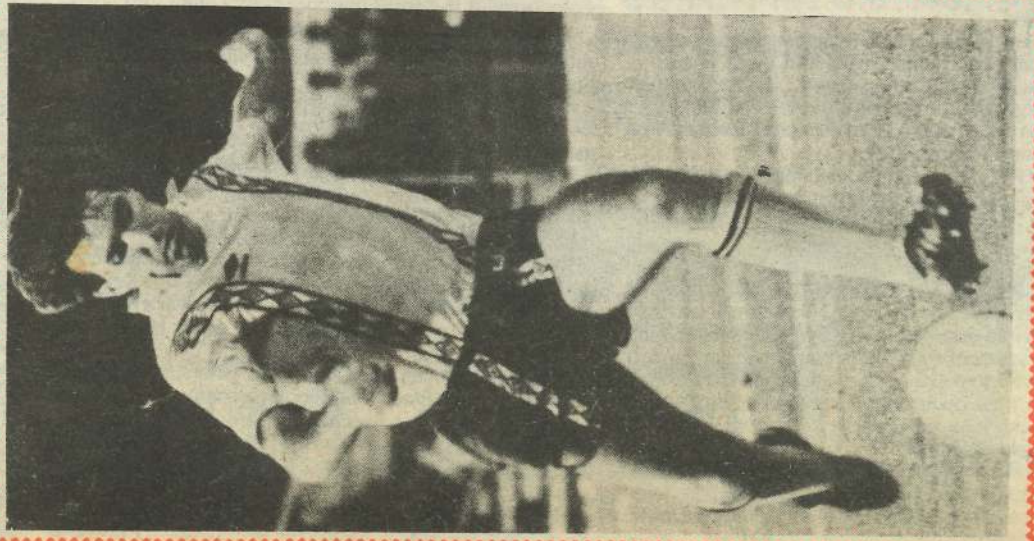


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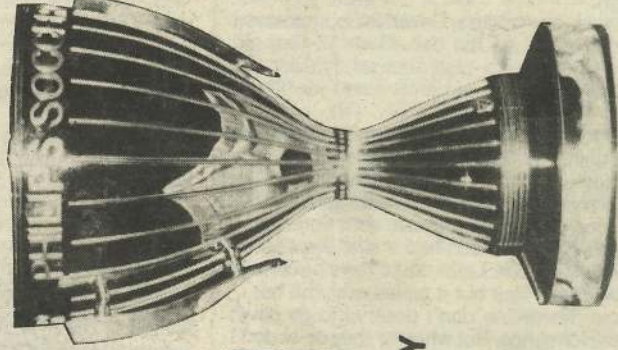
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